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VIRUS OUTBREAK

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Recruits with Papa Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, prepare for the pullup portion of the Initial Strength Test on Parris Island, S.C., on May 22.

DANA BEESLEY / U.S. Marine Corps

US cities clean up, brace for more unrest

By ASHRAF KHALIL, AARON MORRISON
 AND MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A country convulsed by violent protests picked up the pieces Monday morning and braced for more trouble amid a coast-to-coast outpouring of rage over police killings of black people. President Donald Trump demanded the nation's governors crack down harder on the violence, telling them: "Most of you are weak."

After six straight days of unrest, a new routine was developing: residents waking up to neighborhoods

in shambles, shopkeepers sweeping up broken glass and taking stock of ransacked stores, and police and political leaders weighing how to address the anger.

In New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio said he was considering imposing a curfew on the nation's biggest city after a night in which groups of people broke into Chanel, Prada and Rolex boutiques and electronics stores.

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Demonstrators start a fire as they protest the death of George Floyd near the White House on Sunday.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Long-haul carrier Emirates says it fired staff

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Dubai's long-haul carrier Emirates said Sunday that it fired an undisclosed number of employees as the coronavirus pandemic has halted global aviation, becoming the latest Mideast airline to shed staff over the outbreak.

Emirates, the jewel of the sheikhdom's vast array of state-linked enterprises known as "Dubai Inc." to diplomats and in-

vestors, declined to offer figures on how many staff it fired.

"We have endeavored to sustain the current family as is ... but have come to the conclusion that we unfortunately have to say goodbye to a few of the wonderful people that worked with us," the airline said in a statement.

The carrier said that it would treat fired staff "with fairness and respect," without elaborating.

Emirates had been the sole holdout among the Gulf's two other major East-West carriers on

retaining staff. Previously, Abu Dhabi-based Etihad and Doha-based Qatar Airways also fired staff as countries shut down their airspace amid the pandemic.

While the airlines have run repatriation and cargo flights as traffic slowly picks up, the losses have been tremendous. In March, Dubai's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum announced that the sheikhdom would inject equity into the airline, but offered no details.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		
Euro costs (June 2)	\$1.09	
Dollar buys (June 2)	60.8754	
British pound (June 2)	\$1.21	
Japanese yen (June 2)	105.00	
South Korean won (June 2)	1,196.00	
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3776	
British pound	\$1.2423	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3696	
China (Yuan)	7.1370	
Denmark (Krone)	6.7010	
Egypt (Pound)	15.9313	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.1125/0.8988	
British pound	7.7516	
Hungary (Forint)	30.27	
Israel (Shekel)	3.4954	
Japan (Yen)	107.61	
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3082	
Norway (Krone)	9.6989	
Philippines (Peso)	50.35	
Poland (Zloty)	3.97	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7545	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4020	
South Korea (Won)	1,226.97	
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9615	
Thailand (Baht)	31.67	
Turkey (Lira)	6.8236	

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.05
3-month bill	0.14
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Afghan who killed 2 troops is out of prison

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KABUL, Afghanistan — An infiltrator who killed two U.S. officers in one of the Afghan War's highest-profile insider attacks has walked free from a Parwan province prison, Afghan officials said Monday.

Abdul Saboor, who killed Air Force Lt. Col. John Darin Loftis and Army Maj. Robert Marchanti II in 2012, had been sentenced to 20 years in prison but was set free Friday after four years of time served, officials said.

Saboor's attack on two U.S. advisers in a government building in one of the most heavily fortified areas of Kabul led to significant restrictions on how the U.S. worked with Afghan partners, an adviser from that time said.

"We had to rewrite all of the rules for engagement for (us) as advisers," retired Navy Capt. James Muir, an American adviser who oversaw the advisers killed in the attack, said in a

phone interview.

"After that, people were more conservative about advising ... it took the wind out of the sails of a lot of people," said Muir, who helmed the Kabul office of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands program, which consisted of U.S. military advisers trained in local languages.

The slayings prompted the United States and several coalition countries to remove hundreds of advisers who worked in government ministries in Afghanistan's capital.

Further changes that year included increased vetting for Afghan security forces and the requirement that an armed soldier, called a "guardian angel," accompany U.S. advisers when meeting with Afghans.

Saboor, while working for the Afghan government, shot Marchanti, a member of the Maryland National Guard, in the head. He then shot Loftis, an AfPak Hand advising the Afghan police, in the

back.

Saboor did not fit the profile of a typical insider threat; he had served in the military and was an Afghan Tajik, one of the ethnic groups most opposed to the Taliban, according to "Directorate S," a book on America's war in Afghanistan by Steve Coll, who writes about defense and intelligence issues.

But unbeknownst to the U.S. military, Saboor had left Afghanistan to study at a Pakistani madrasa prior to the attack, Coll wrote, citing Army investigators and witness testimony.

Saboor said in a 2016 BBC interview that he killed the service members after hearing that U.S. forces had desecrated Qurans.

The book-burning incident, in which about 500 Qurans from a detention center library were burned, led to protests and reprisals that left dozens of Afghans and foreign troops dead or wounded. U.S. generals apologized for the burnings and six

soldiers were punished, a 2012 Washington Post report said.

After the killings, Saboor escaped for four years and was arrested in 2016 at his home in Parwan province.

During his trial, he admitted to the killings and was unrepentant, Coll wrote.

The attack at the time was claimed by the Taliban, but another militant group, Hezb-e-Islami, said Monday that Saboor killed the service members for them.

His release Friday was not part of prisoner exchanges due to February's peace deal between the U.S. and the Taliban, but rather from a 2016 reconciliation deal between Kabul and Hezb-e-Islami, said Farhad Bayani, spokesman for the Afghan prison administration.

A total of 164 prisoners from Hezb-e-Islami were released Friday due to coronavirus concerns, said Fazal Ghani Haqmal, a spokesman for the militant

group.

Cases of coronavirus in Afghanistan have more than doubled in the last two weeks, with the country reporting 15,094 confirmed cases May 31, compared to 6,635 on May 17, according to the World Health Organization.

Saboor was welcomed home by his community and is taking care of his sick daughter, said Ahmad Ajab Musamim, a resident from the village of Salangi, located about 40 miles north of Bagram Airfield. He said Saboor, like other former fighters, had pledged not to return to the battlefield if released.

Muir said he is trying to get rid of his feelings of bitterness and hate regarding Saboor's crimes.

"You eventually have to get to a point of forgiveness and letting go," Muir said. "A search for justice is valid, but if it's just vengeance, I think that destroys people."

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Vietnam War's longest continuously serving Ranger dies

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

A 30-year Army veteran who was the longest continuously serving Ranger in Vietnam and one of the war's most decorated enlisted soldiers has died.

Patrick Gavin Tadin, served in Vietnam for over five years straight between 1965 and 1970, leading long range reconnaissance patrols deep into enemy territory — often dressed in black pajamas and sandals, and carrying an AK-47.

The retired command sergeant major died Friday morning in North Carolina. He was 77.

"Early this morning my Dad ... took his last breaths and went to be with all the Rangers before him," his daughter Catherine Poeschl said on Facebook. "I know they are all there waiting for him."

He is survived by his wife, two sisters, two daughters, four sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, the family said in a brief online obituary. A funeral had not yet been scheduled.

A native of Hawaii, Tadin earned two Silver Stars, 10 Bronze



Catherine Poeschl

Patrick Gavin Tadin, one of the most-decorated enlisted soldiers of the Vietnam War, died Friday in North Carolina. He was 77.

Stars — seven with valor — three Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry, four Army Commendation Medals, including two for valor, and three Purple Hearts.

After the release of the second Rambo movie, he was profiled in Stars and Stripes, where he was contrasted with Sylvester Stallone's beefy — often shirtless — portrayal of a Vietnam combat veteran.

"The real thing comes in a smaller, less glossy package,"

wrote reporter Don Tate in December 1985. "Tadin stands just over 5-foot-5, and swells all the way up to 130 pounds after a big meal."

His small stature and dark complexion helped him pass for a Viet Cong soldier on patrols deep into the Central Highlands, during which he preferred to be in the point position. His citations describe him walking to within feet of enemies he knew to be lying in wait for him and leading a pursuing enemy patrol into an ambush set by his team.

In Vietnam he served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol, 74th Infantry Detachment Long Range Patrol and Company N (Rangers), 75th Infantry.

Tadin joined the Army in 1962 and served in the Dominican Republic before going to Southeast Asia. He also served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury in 1983 and with the 1st Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

A 1995 inductee into the Ranger Hall of Fame, he served with "ex-

treme valor," never losing a man during his years as a team leader in Vietnam, a hall of fame profile at Fort Benning, Ga., said.

Some 200 men had served under him without "so much as a scratch," said a newspaper clipping his daughter shared, published while Tadin was serving at Landing Zone English in Vietnam's Binh Dinh province, likely in 1969.

Tadin himself was shot three times and his only brother was killed in combat in Vietnam, Stars and Stripes later reported.

The last time he was shot was during an enemy ambush in which he earned his second Silver Star, and the wounds nearly forced him to be evacuated from the country, the LZ English story said.

As the point man, Tadin was already inside the kill zone when he sensed something was wrong, but the enemy did not fire on him, apparently confused about who he was, the article stated. After spotting the enemy, Tadin opened fire and called out the ambush to his teammates before falling to the ground and being shot in both

calves.

He refused medical aid and continued to command until the enemy retreated, stated another clipping, quoting from his Silver Star citation.

"When you're out there in the deep stuff, there's an unspoken understanding," he told Tate in 1985. "It's caring about troops."

He was not one to boast of his experiences, his daughter said in a phone interview Monday.

After retiring from the Army in 1992, he continued working security jobs until 2013, Poeschl said, including stints in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In recent years, he'd been struggling with dementia and other ailments, she said, and he often believed he was back in the Army with his buddies.

He always seemed most at home with his "Ranger family," his daughter said. She was trying to get word of his death to as many as she could.

"He was my dad, but he belonged to so many other people," she said.

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Report: Promotion nixed for officer in charge during 2017 Niger ambush

Stars and Stripes

The promotion of a Special Forces colonel who approved a 2017 mission in Niger in which four U.S. troops died has been canceled, according to a news report.

Col. Bradley D. Moses was in charge of the Third Special Forces Group in October 2017 when his troops were ambushed while on an operation in a remote part of Niger.

Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy was notifying the Senate Armed Services Committee that Moses' nomination for brigadier general was being withdrawn, The New York Times, citing unnamed defense officials, reported Friday. An Army spokeswoman declined to confirm the report and said the service does not comment on nominations being considered by the Senate.

The ambush in Niger killed Staff

Sgt. Bryan C. Black, Staff Sgt. Dustin Wright, Sgt. La David T. Johnson and Sgt. 1st Class Jeremiah W. Johnson. The firefight was the subject of a lengthy military investigation, which found that the small unit was ill-equipped when it came under attack from a much larger force of Islamic militants. Several U.S. officers were reprimanded for their roles in the planning and approval of the mission

region. Among them was the two-star general in charge of Special Operations Command Africa at the time.

Moses was nominated earlier in the year to become a one-star general, but in March his name was temporarily removed at the request of some lawmakers, the Times reported. The removal became permanent after the Army's action, the newspaper reported.



Moses

MILITARY

Virus changes Marines' training at Parris Island

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — The booming shouts of the rain-soaked Marine recruits echo across Leatherneck Square training field, barely muffled by their masks. And as they jog by, belting out responses to drill instructors in a rhythmic cadence, the white fabric across their faces is the only telltale sign of the coronavirus's effects on their quest to become Marines.

But in ways big and small, the virus is impacting training at the Marine Corps' Parris Island Recruit Depot and across the military. And defense leaders have said that some of the adjustments are proving beneficial and could become permanent.

Maj. Gen. James Glynn, commander of Parris Island, said that requiring recruits to spend two weeks in quarantine before their training has had unexpected benefits.

"They are singularly focused on two weeks of mental and emotional prep for what you guys are seeing today," he said during a visit Wednesday by Defense Secretary Mark Esper. "I think it's pretty evident it's making a difference. They're mentally focused and have reconciled why they're here."

Until this week, recruits spent the two-week quarantine in a complex of large white tents and bathroom and shower trailers that was quickly built on the base to allow health monitoring and keep them isolated. But now, recruits are spending the two weeks in dorms at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, in Charleston, about a two-hour drive north.

Esper, who toured the tent area with Glynn, said that the new precautions — including masks, social distancing and the quarantine — have greatly lowered the amount of other respiratory illnesses recruits traditionally get.

"They've seen a much lower sick call right across the board when it comes to infection, so they're going to keep that. And we're going to keep some other practices," said Esper, adding that by breaking the recruits into smaller groups, "they've seen a higher level of unity and esprit. And they bonded much more quickly."

As Esper walked around the soggy field, recruits were going through what Marines call the "confidence course." They were clambering over large log obstacles, climbing towers, shimmying across rope lines strung over a net and swinging over streams of water. In other sections, recruits were paired off to battle with pugil sticks, which replicates rifle and bayonet combat.

Staff Sgt. Kathryn Hunter, a drill instructor for three years at Parris Island, said the main difference she sees due to the virus is that the number of female recruits she has in 4th battalion, Ocean Company, has dropped from 70. And she has 35 recruits in



DEVIN DARDEN/U.S. Marine Corps

A Drill Instructor School candidate practices sword manual at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., on May 11. Close order drill is taught to the candidates so that they can conduct and teach drill as an instructor.



DANA BEESLEY/U.S. Marine Corps

Recruits with Papa Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, execute the plank portion of the Initial Strength Test on Parris Island on May 22.

squad bays that usually hold up to 64.

During the initial portion of training, women, who have their own battalion, are largely separated from men. Marine Corps leaders staunchly defend the segregation, saying that it helps build confidence, but some members of Congress have demanded change.

On the confidence course, female recruits were together on the various obstacles, while the male recruits were doing other tests.

The course, Hunter said, is critical. "We have a lot of recruits that are scared of heights, recruits that are scared of water or are scared of different obstacles," she said, adding that the course "actually tests recruits' fears, also builds their confidence that they can accomplish stuff as long as they set their minds to it."

In the larger formations, the recruits wear masks, but during some physical tests — even those

where teamwork was required and social distancing impossible — the masks came off. Most of the drill instructors wore theirs at all times, as did Esper and his entourage.

Commanders noted that the recruits had finished their two-week quarantine and were on day 14 of their actual training — so they had been largely isolated for about a month. Marine recruits go to either Parris Island or to Camp Pendleton in southern California, for 13 weeks of training.

Another change, Esper said, is that military recruits often get to go home for two weeks after graduation. That leave has been suspended because of the virus. Instead, the Marines are getting three or four days of little or no duty before reporting to their next schooling or station.

"They're showing up at the next phase of training in much better shape," said Esper, noting that they haven't been able to go out drinking and partying. He said that Marine leaders are "see-



LOLITA BALDOR/AP

Quarantine tents set up for recruits arriving at the Marine Corps' Parris Island Recruit Depot are seen May 27.

ing a better product entering the next phase of training, so they're starting to think maybe we won't go back to the 10 days off."

Glynn said that the plan to use the Citadel for quarantine was inspired by his mother-in-law, who sent him an article about how colleges and the military worked together during the Spanish flu pandemic. But while the college, with its two-person rooms, is working out well, Glynn said that he'll need another solution when classes resume. He said that they are reviewing several options, including some nearer Parris Island, but have not made a decision.

The Army has made similar changes in its recruit training, which is a longer, 22-week course for infantry and armor soldiers. But instead of separating the incoming recruits at a distant location for the two-week quarantine, Army leaders changed the course schedule.

The new plan shifted classroom learning to the first two weeks,

with many classes done virtually or outside, with little physical interaction, spaced chairs and social distancing. The recruits then move into what Army officials described as a training bubble, where they begin their more traditional physical and combat instruction.

Both the Marine Corps and the Army screen recruits for the virus when they arrive at processing stations, and again when they get to the training base. Army recruits go to one of the four training centers at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Sill, Okla.

Defense leaders said that they have been intrigued to see some good come from the virus precautions.

"I mean, it's funny," said Esper, as he flew home from Parris Island, "Even once the coronavirus fades or we have a vaccine, you may come out with a boot camp that produces a better product because of things learned."

PACIFIC



Kubasaki High School Alumni Association

Marilyn Stockdale Sanders, one of the first graduates of what later became Kubasaki High School on Okinawa, died Wednesday at 90.

Kubasaki High School's 'First Dragon' dies from coronavirus at age 90

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

An early graduate of one of the Defense Department's oldest high schools has died at age 90 after a monthlong battle with the coronavirus.

Marilyn Stockdale Sanders, who died May 27 in Chappell Hill, Texas, was born the daughter of a career military officer in Battle Creek, Mich., April 28, 1930.

When she was 15, the family boarded a troop ship to Okinawa, where she became valedictorian of Okinawa University School, a DOD facility started at Camp Hayward in November 1946.

Sanders helped create and edit the school newspaper, the Typhoon, which is still published

today. She graduated in 1948, and her alma mater was later renamed Kubasaki High School with a Dragon as its mascot.

Alumni respectfully referred to her as the "First Dragon" and honored her at numerous class reunions.

Sanders was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Ivan "Gus" Sanders, and son Thomas Paul Sanders. She is survived by four daughters — Nancy Ruth Strebeck, Jane Kent Menefee, Julie Watson Edwards and Martha Lynn Jackson — seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Airman tests positive for virus after trip from US

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — An American airman has tested positive for the coronavirus after traveling from the United States to South Korea for a new assignment, the military said Monday.

The announcement raised to 31 the number of coronavirus cases affiliated with U.S. Forces Korea, including seven active-duty service members.

The airman arrived at Incheon International Airport on a commercial flight on Saturday. She was tested for the coronavirus and transported to Osan Air Base for quarantine while waiting for the results, according to procedure,

USFK said in a press release.

"Since testing positive, the airman has been moved to Osan's isolation facility designated for confirmed COVID-19 cases," the command said.

The shuttle and quarantine room had been thoroughly cleaned, it said, adding that limited contact tracing was deemed necessary since she had been immediately quarantined.

USFK has reported 31 confirmed cases including troops, military dependents, contractors and other U.S. and South Korean civilian employees.

All have recovered except for the airman and two American

soldiers who tested positive after arriving for new assignments in South Korea last week, USFK has reported.

Some 28,500 American service members are stationed in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after their 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

"USFK continues to maintain a robust combined defense posture to protect the Republic of Korea against any threat or adversary while maintaining prudent preventive measures to protect the force," it said.

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Zama American crowns prom court

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The coronavirus pandemic could not deny royalty its rites at Zama American Middle/High School in Japan, where the prom court assumed its station Friday.

It was a downsized, socially distanced affair when Leah Sakamoto-Flack and James Giles, both seniors, were crowned queen and king during a small ceremony in a school garden, according to an announcement by the U.S. Army's Camp Zama on Monday.

"I think it's the best they could do under the circumstances, and I think it's still honoring the seniors because this is their last high school event," Sakamoto-Flack said. "They did a really good job with everything."

Aika Davis and Alexander Ala were crowned princess and prince. All four placed their own regalia atop their royal heads.

Of 138 eligible students, 100 voted for the prom court, said art teacher and event organizer Lauren Rosa, according to the announcement.

"What's going on doesn't have to per se define your whole academic career or your entire senior year," she said. "I thinks. It's not a great way to end, but something, in my book, is always better than nothing."

The prom court gathering was



PHOTOS BY WHITFIELD BROWN/U.S. Army

Jason Giles, a senior at Zama Middle/High School and this year's prom king, wears his crown at Camp Zama, Japan.

a small recompense for the lack of ceremony at the end of a peculiar school year. The event included party favors along with photos and videos, according to the announcement.

School liaison officer Lucinda Ward sewed and donated the sashes worn by the court.

"Our traditions do not have to stop based on a pandemic," she was quoted as saying. "They just need to be modified."

Sixty-four of the 66 members of Zama American class of 2020 are scheduled for commencement on Wednesday and Thursday in a prolonged ceremony also custom-



Leah Sakamoto-Flack, a senior and this year's prom queen, puts on her tiara during a small ceremony for the prom court.

ized for the times. Six graduates at a time, plus family members, will meet in the school auditorium according to a schedule they chose. No more than 50 will be in the room at a time, said Principal Wayne Carter.

The graduates will walk the stage to receive their diplomas while everyone adheres to public health measures imposed by the base commander, Carter told Stars and Stripes on Monday. The ceremony runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days, he said.

"We're doing it completely different than everybody else," Carter said.

DOD civilian contractor on Okinawa arrested for alleged bar slap

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A civilian contractor who works for the III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa was arrested by Japanese police Saturday afternoon after allegedly assaulting a woman at a bar.

Barry Ray Ellis, 41, was taken into custody at a bar in the Uechi

neighborhood in Okinawa city at approximately 1:50 p.m. after arguing with a 20-year-old local woman and allegedly slapping her, an Okinawa Police spokesman said Monday.

Ellis was intoxicated at the time of the incident, the spokesman said. The local woman was not injured.

Ellis denies slapping the

woman, the spokesman said.

Government spokespeople in Japan customarily speak on condition of anonymity as a condition of their employment.

An assault charge was referred to the Naha District Public Prosecutors Office on Monday morning, the spokesman said. Ellis remains in custody of the prosecutor's office.

Both the police and the Marine Corps declined to provide details of Ellis' employment on Monday. A spokesman for III MEF acknowledged Ellis' arrest in an emailed statement to Stars and Stripes.

"III MEF is fully committed to working with local authorities to assist with their investigation," 1st Lt. Ryan Bruce wrote in the

statement. "Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, there is no further information at this time."

If convicted, Ellis faces up to two years in prison or nearly \$3,000 in fines, according to Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

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MILITARY

Global Hawks begin summer rotation in Tokyo

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Unmanned RQ-4 Global Hawk surveillance drones began a summer rotation to the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo on Saturday.

Photographs of one of the planes were posted on Yokota's official website soon after it touched down.

"The rotation of the Global Hawks to Yokota provides a stable location from which the platform can operate when inclement weather in Guam, including typhoon activities, has the potential to hinder readiness," the Air Force said in a caption accompanying the image.

Airmen from the 319th Op-

erations Group arrived at Yokota from Guam in phases ahead of the aircraft, 5th Air Force spokeswoman Maj. Helen Annicelli said in an email Friday.

Guam became a hot spot for military coronavirus cases after the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier diverted there in March. More than 1,150 sailors, one of whom died, tested positive for the illness.

The airmen who arrived in Tokyo from the island completed the same 14-day restriction of movement required of all military personnel arriving in Japan in recent months, Annicelli said.

"Yokota Air Base continues to demonstrate it is one of the best locations to safely receive and privately house military members in a controlled environment," she



JUAN TORRES/U.S. Air Force

An RQ-4 Global Hawk from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, arrives at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo, on Saturday.

said. "While we cannot discuss the specific security measures, both the medical and security plans in place are designed to ensure the full integrity of ROM procedures."

Sailors from Navy bases in Japan have been isolated at Yokota ahead of their deployments. Some of the sailors and staff supporting them in isolation tested positive for coronavirus last month, ac-

cording to the Air Force.

In addition to supporting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements, the Global Hawk has provided imagery during humanitarian-assistance and disaster-relief operations, such as Operation Tomodachi, the U.S. military response to the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in March 2011.

The Northrop Grumman-built drones, which can cost \$100 million depending on configuration, are thought to be capable of operating at an altitude of 60,000 feet, high above civilian air traffic, which normally does not surpass 40,000 feet. They can stay aloft for 34 hours and have a range of 14,000 miles.

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Sasebo sailors toast each other at new outdoor beer garden

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

Sailors at Sasebo Naval Base toasted each other in a makeshift, outdoor beer garden Friday and Saturday, marking a return to social drinking for troops in Japan after months of coronavirus restrictions.

Off-base bars and clubs in Japan have been off-limits and base watering holes have been closed since mid-April, when U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider declared a public health emergency for all U.S. military installations there.

On Friday, however, Sasebo sailors were able to make merry in a beer garden next to the base's shuttered enlisted Galaxies Club. One of the first sailors to imbibe Friday night was Petty Officer 1st Class Leonexon Rodriguez, 38, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a logistics specialist on the amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay.

"The last time I went to the pub was when we went underway,"



SHIRLEY TATTO/U.S. Navy

Sailors at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, demonstrate social distancing at a beer garden that opened outside the base enlisted club Friday.

he said by phone from the beer garden. "We left at the beginning of January and got back in April."

Since then, with bars and restaurants closed or off-limits, Rodriguez has stuck to a routine of going between his home and workplace, he said.

The sailors enjoyed the chance to drink beer in a social setting, he said.

"I see lot of the guys," he said. "We are yelling to each other because of the music."

The amphibious assault ship USS America, the Green Bay and the minesweepers USS Warrior,

USS Chief, USS Patriot and USS Pioneer are all in port, according to Scott Poluhovich, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation director at Sasebo.

"Our ships are coming back and these guys are looking for a chance to get off the ships," he said.

Many of the sailors are sleeping on the ships because the onshore accommodation they'd normally stay in is being used to quarantine other sailors before they head to out sea, he said.

"They're looking for a chance to get off the ships, but the clubs are closed, and the restaurants are only doing takeaways," he said.

A tour in Naples, Italy, and several visits to Germany gave Poluhovich some good ideas about what a beer garden should look like.

The Sasebo beer garden, in a parking lot, included tables that allow sailors to spread out with beer on tap and "DJ Yoshi" playing requests from the crowd, he

said.

The sailors could fill up on brisket burgers and Italian sausage sandwiches while they drank from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Poluhovich said.

"We have the tables marked off and we will be watching to make sure they are 6 feet apart," he said.

The naval base has reported only one coronavirus case in its military community. Nagasaki prefecture, where the base is located, had reported 17 cases by Friday, according to Nippon.com.

But base officials have taken a cautious approach, and personnel are still prohibited from doing much off-base.

The beer garden will be open weekends until regular facilities get the green light, Poluhovich said.

"We are trying to take advantage of the next couple of weeks before rainy season kicks in," he said.

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Two airmen killed in shooting at Grand Forks Air Force Base

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WASHINGTON — Two airmen were killed Monday in an early morning shooting in a dormitory on Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, Air Force officials said.

Grand Forks AFB officials said they are investigating the shooting, which happened at about 4:30 a.m., and believe it was an

isolated incident. Officials "believe there is currently no risk to other personnel" at the base, according to a base statement.

The base did not identify the deceased airmen by name, but said they were active-duty members assigned to the 319th Reconnaissance Wing, Air Force Staff Sgt. Elijah Tigges, a spokesman for that unit, said the airmen would be named 24 hours after their families were notified of the deaths, per Pentagon policy.

The shooting occurred in a dorm facility on the base that primarily hosts single, enlisted airmen early in their military careers, Tigges said. Officials were making mental health care specialists available for anyone affected by the shooting, he added.

He said he could provide "no further releasable information" on Monday.

Grand Forks AFB is located in eastern North Dakota, about 80 miles south of the U.S.-Canada border. It houses the 319th

Reconnaissance Wing, an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance unit, which primarily operates RQ-4 Global Hawk drones for commanders around the world, according to the Air Force. It also supports U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers who fly unarmed MQ-9 Predator drones from Grand Forks AFB.

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NATION

VA HQ vandalized with graffiti, windows broken

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WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs offices in downtown Washington were vandalized as peaceful weekend protests over George Floyd's death devolved into clashes with police and destruction. In the aftermath, Mayor Muriel Bowser said Monday that the city would enforce a 7 p.m. curfew Monday and Tuesday.

"We applaud the American spirit of protest," Bowser said. "However, we do not — and we will not — allow the continued destruction of our town."

VA press secretary Christina Noel said VA headquarters, along with other buildings in downtown Washington that house VA offices, were spray-painted with graffiti. There was some broken glass, she said. The extent of damage was uncertain Monday morning.

"We are assessing the cost of the damage," Noel said. "We know of no injuries to VA employees. VA will take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of VA employees."

VA headquarters, at 810 Vermont Ave., is on the other side of Lafayette Square from the White House. The area was a gathering spot for protests Friday, Saturday and Sunday and became the site of destruction after nightfall.

Demonstrators came together in multiple U.S. cities to protest the death of Floyd, an unarmed black man in Minneapolis who was pinned down by police Monday.



FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL/TWITTER

A photo shared on Twitter by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial shows vandalism to the monument in Washington, D.C. On Monday, the Veterans of Foreign Wars said it understood the protests but condemned the vandalism.

Officer Derek Chauvin was arrested Friday and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter. The death ignited outrage across the country.

The protests in DC started peacefully. After dark, protesters tired to break through police barricades around the White House and were met with pepper bullets and tear gas.

Peter Nevsham, chief of the Metropolitan Police Department in DC, said as the day progressed Sunday, "we saw a significant increase in purposeful destructive behavior."

He said DC police made 88 arrests and warned there would likely be more.

According to multiple news outlets, cars and buildings were set on fire, and vandals smashed windows.

At DC headquarters, at least one window was smashed. Zack Stanton, a digital editor with Politico Magazine, posted photos of the damage on Twitter, showing the building tagged with derogatory graffiti targeting President Donald Trump spray-

painted across the front doors.

Across the street sits the Lafayette Building, which is also owned by the VA. Many of its windows were smashed Sunday night, The Washington Post reported.

DC memorials were also vandalized over the weekend. At the National World War II Memorial, someone spray-painted the question, "Do black vets count?" The official Twitter account of the World War II Memorial posted a photo of the graffiti and responded, "[The] question posed here conveys heartache, isolation and anger felt by many in [the] African American community. Answer: YES, the WWII Memorial remembers and honors the one million black men and women who served."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars responded to the vandalism Monday. The organization said it stood in solidarity with the peaceful protests but condemned the damage to the World War II Memorial.

"The VFW believes in peaceful, organized demonstrations. That is the right of every American," VFW National Commander William Schmitz said in a statement. "However, we are extremely saddened and angered to find that our sacred World War II Memorial was defaced. The veterans who fought for the very freedom to demonstrate deserve better and we condemn those who determined the memorial was worth vandalizing."

The graffiti was cleaned off the memorial Sunday.

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NATION

Countries march in solidarity, call for change in US

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Several thousand people marched in New Zealand's largest city on Monday to protest the killing of George Floyd in the U.S. as well as to stand up against police violence and racism in their own country.

Many people around the world have watched with growing unease at the civil unrest in the U.S. after the latest in a series of police killings of black men and women. Floyd died on May 25 in Minneapolis after a white police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck until he stopped breathing. The officer was fired and charged with murder.

The protesters in Auckland marched to the U.S. Consulate, where they kneeled. They held banners with slogans like "I can't breathe" and "The real violence is racism." Hundreds more joined the peaceful protests and vigils elsewhere in New Zealand, where Monday was a public holiday.

In Iran, which has in the recent

past violently put down nationwide demonstrations by killing hundreds, arresting thousands and disrupting internet access to the outside world, state television has repeatedly aired images of the U.S. unrest.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi urged the U.S. government and police to stop the violence.

"To American officials and police: Stop violence against your people and let them breathe," Mousavi said at a news conference in Tehran on Monday. He also told the American people that "the world is standing with you." He added that Iran is saddened to see "the violence the U.S. police have recently" set off.

At a gathering in central London on Sunday, thousands offered support for American demonstrators, chanting "No justice! No peace!" and waving placards with the words "How many more?"

In other places, too, demonstrators waved solidarity with the U.S. protesters with messages aimed



DEAN PURCELL, NEW ZEALAND HERALD/AP

Demonstrators hold placards during a march in central Auckland, New Zealand, on Monday, to protest the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis on May 25.

at local authorities.

In Brazil, hundreds of people protested crimes committed by the police against black people in Rio de Janeiro's working-class neighborhoods, known as favelas. Police used tear gas to disperse them, with some demonstrators saying "I can't breathe," repeating Floyd's own words.

In Canada, an anti-racism protest degenerated into clashes between Montreal police and some demonstrators. Police declared the gathering illegal after they say projectiles were thrown

at officers who responded with pepper spray and tear gas. Some windows were smashed and some fires were set.

In authoritarian nations, the unrest became a chance to undermine U.S. criticism of their own situations. Russia said the United States had systemic human rights problems.

And state-controlled media in China saw the protests through the prism of American views on Hong Kong's anti-government demonstrations, which China has long said the U.S. encouraged. In

a commentary, the ruling Communist Party newspaper Global Times said Chinese experts had noted that U.S. politicians might think twice before commenting again on Hong Kong, knowing "their words might backfire."

North Korea's official Rodong Simun newspaper on Monday reported about the demonstrations, saying that protesters "harshly condemned" a white policeman's "lawless and brutal murder" of a black citizen. It printed three photos of protest scenes in the city where Floyd was killed.

Unrest: Many begin clearing away debris after days of protests

FROM FRONT PAGE

At the same time, the mayor said the trouble in the city of 8.6 million people was being "fomented by a very small number of violent protesters. That is not what everyday community people are doing. I want to be very clear about that."

While many of the demonstrations around the country have been peaceful protests by racially diverse crowds, others have descended into violence, despite curfews in many cities across the U.S. and the deployment of thousands of National Guard soldiers over the past week.

On Sunday, protesters hurled rocks and Molotov cocktails at police in Philadelphia, set a fire near the White House and were hit with tear gas or pepper spray in Austin, Texas, Atlanta and other cities. Seven Boston police officers were hospitalized.

In some cities, thieves smashed their way into stores and ran off with as much as they could carry.

Police officers and National Guard soldiers enforcing a curfew in Louisville, Ky., killed a man early Monday when they returned fire after someone in a large group shot at them first, police said. In Indianapolis, two people were reported dead in bursts of downtown violence over the weekend, adding to deaths recorded in Detroit and Minneapolis.

The demonstrations were sparked by the death of George Floyd, a handcuffed black man who pleaded for air as a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for several minutes.

Racial tensions were also running high after two white men were arrested in May in the February shooting death of black jogger Ahmad Arbery in Georgia, and after Louisville, Ky., police shot Bre-



JESSICA GRIFFIN, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/AP

Community members clean up broken glass at McDonalds on 52nd Street in West Philadelphia, on Sunday.

onna Taylor to death in her home in March.

Even as police in some places tried to calm tensions by kneeling or marching in solidarity with protesters, officers elsewhere were accused of the very type of harsh treatment at the heart of the unrest.

In New York, the police commissioner said about six incidents were being investigated by the department's internal affairs bureau, including a weekend confrontation in Brooklyn in which two police vehicles appeared to plow through a group of protesters.

In Port Lauderdale, Fla., an officer was suspended for pushing a kneeling woman to the ground during a protest.

In Atlanta, two officers were fired after bashing in the window of a car and using a stun gun on its two occupants.

In Los Angeles over the weekend, a police SUV accelerated into several protesters in a street, knocking two people to the ground.

Trump took shelter in bunker amid rallies

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WASHINGTON — Secret Service agents rushed President Donald Trump to a White House bunker on Friday night as hundreds of protesters gathered outside the executive mansion, some of them throwing rocks and tugging at police barricades.

Trump spent nearly an hour in the bunker, which was designed for use in emergencies like terrorist attacks, according to a Republican close to the White House who was not authorized to publicly discuss private matters and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The account was confirmed by an administration official who also spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The abrupt decision by the agents underscored the rattled mood inside the White House, where the chants from protesters in Lafayette Park could be heard all weekend and Secret Service agents and law enforcement officers struggled to contain the crowds.

The demonstrations in Washington turned violent and appeared to catch officers by surprise. They sparked one of the highest alerts on the White House

complex since the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

The president's move to the bunker was first reported by The New York Times.

The president and his family have been shaken by the size and venom of the crowds, according to the Republican. It was not immediately clear if first lady Melania Trump and the couple's 14-year-old son, Barron, joined the president in the bunker. Secret Service protocol would have called for all those under the agency's protection to be in the underground shelter.

Trump has told advisers he worries about his safety, while both privately and publicly praising the work of the Secret Service.

Trump traveled to Florida on Saturday to view the first manned space launch from the U.S. in nearly a decade. He returned to a White House under virtual siege, with protesters gathered just a few hundred yards away through much of the night.

Demonstrators returned Sunday afternoon, facing off against police at Lafayette Park.

Trump continued his effort to project strength, using a series of inflammatory tweets and delivering partisan attacks during a time of national crisis.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Europe, Asia lockdowns ease with new tourist rules

Associated Press

ROME — The first day of June saw coronavirus restrictions ease from Asia to Europe on Monday, even as United States protests against police brutality sparked fears of new outbreaks. The Colosseum opened its ancient doors in Rome, ferries restarted in Bangladesh, golfers played in Greece, students returned in Britain and Dutch bars and restaurants were free to welcome hungry, thirsty patrons.

Countries around the Mediterranean Sea tentatively kicked off a summer season where tourists could bask in their famously sunny beaches while still being protected by social distancing measures from a virus that is marching relentlessly around the world.

"We are reopening a symbol. A symbol of Rome, a symbol for Italy," said Alfonsina Russo, director of the Colosseum's archaeological park. "(We are) re-starting in a positive way, with a different pace, with a more sustainable tourism."

Greece lifted lockdown measures Monday for hotels, campsites, open-air cinemas, golf courses and public swimming pools, while beaches and museums reopened in Turkey and bars, restaurants, cinemas and museums came back to life in the Netherlands.

"Today we opened two rooms, and tomorrow three. It's like building an antihill," Athens hotel owner Panos Betis said as employ-



Mounted policemen patrol outside the Colosseum in Rome on Monday during the reopening to the public of one of Italy's most visited monuments after being locked down for the coronavirus pandemic.

ees wearing face masks tidied a rooftop restaurant and cleaned a window facing the ancient Acropolis. "We can't compare the season to last year. We were at 95% capacity. Our aim now is to hang in there till 2021."

A long line of masked visitors snaked outside the Vatican Museums, which include the Sistine Chapel, as they reopened for the first time in three months. Italy is eager to reboot its tourism industry, which accounts for 13% of its economy.

The Vatican Museums' famous keyholder — the "clavigero," who holds the keys to all the galleries on a big ring on his wrist — opened the gate in a sign both symbolic and literal that the Museums were back in business.

The Dutch relaxation of coronavirus rules took place on a major holiday with the sun blazing, raising immediate fears of overcrowding in popular beach resorts. The new rules let bars and restaurants serve up to 30 people inside if they keep social

distancing, but there's no standing at bars and reservations are necessary.

In the U.S., the often-violent protests over the death of George Floyd, a black man pinned at the neck by a white Minneapolis police officer, are raising fears of new outbreaks in a country that has more confirmed infections and deaths than any other.

The U.S. has seen nearly 1.8 million infections and over 104,000 deaths in the pandemic, which has disproportionately af-

fected racial minorities in a nation that does not have universal health care.

Protests over Floyd's death have shaken the U.S. from New York to Los Angeles. Demonstrators are packed cheek by jowl, many without masks, many shouting or singing. The virus itself is dispersed by microscopic droplets in the air when people cough, sneeze, talk or sing.

"There's no question that when you put hundreds or thousands of people together in close proximity, when we have got this virus all over the streets ... it's not healthy," Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said.

Some efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus are being upended by the protests. In contact tracing, newly infected people list everyone they've interacted with over several days in order to alert them that they may have been exposed. That may be a daunting task if someone has been to a mass gathering.

The process also relies on something that may suddenly be in especially short supply: Trust in government.

China, where the global pandemic is believed to have originated late last year, reported 16 new cases Monday, all travelers from abroad. Much of China has already reopened for business and Monday saw classes restart in middle and high schools. Kindergartners and fourth- and fifth-graders will be allowed back next week.

States, cities plead for further aid as Congress faces crises

By LISA MASCARO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One small-town Oklahoma mayor testified before Congress that she's worried the city's 18-bed hospital can't handle a second COVID-19 wave. Many counties are slashing sizable chunks of their government work force. States are staring down red ink as the fiscal year comes to a close.

As local leaders are pleading for more federal aid — even before protests over police violence erupted in almost every corner of the country — the Senate resumes session Monday with no immediate plans to consider a fresh round of relief.

The House's staggering \$3 trillion package is mottled in the Senate, but Republicans are focused instead on ending the pandemic's stay-at-home economy by trimming unemployment benefits to push some of 41 million suddenly jobless Americans back to work when jobs return.

The standoff is perhaps standard Washington negotiating, but "they're playing a very dangerous game of chicken," said Meredith McGehee, executive director at Issue One, which advocates for a government reforms to ease po-

litical gridlock.

Congress is confronting mounting crises — the virus outbreak, the shattered economy and now nationwide protests over the killings of black people at the hands of police — all crashing into an election year. It's a moment that calls for steady leadership. But the House is working remotely rather than risk convening in the pandemic, while the Senate wants to wait and see if nearly \$2 trillion in previously approved aid is sufficient while it focuses on President Donald Trump's priorities.

As the Senate gavelings in, Republicans who control the chamber will focus on investigations Trump wants of the Obama administration's handling of the probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election and ties to Trump's campaign. Key hearings this week over what Trump calls "Obamagate" are scheduled at the Judiciary and Homeland Security committee. Both are scheduled to consider issuing subpoenas for testimony from current and former officials.

Rather than unleash more federal aid to counter the pandemic, Senate Republicans want to cut back unemployment benefits they worry are preventing workers from returning to their jobs and

create a liability shield to protect businesses that do reopen from lawsuits related to COVID-19.

"We're beginning to consider whether or not to do another rescue package, and it's been my view we need to be a little bit careful," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell during a radio interview Friday in his home state of Kentucky.

McConnell said that the Senate won't be considering the \$3 trillion "grab bag" of the House-passed Heroes Act.

In urging action, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Sunday linked the death of George Floyd in Minnesota to the "injustice" of the virus outbreak's impact on African American and other minority populations.

"The fact is that the coronavirus has taken an undue toll among people of color," Pelosi said on ABC. She said that there is not enough virus testing in minority communities. "This, again, is an injustice."

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer called on McConnell to cancel the "conspiracy hearings" and focus on the health and economic needs.

Schumer said that Senate Republicans are turning the Senate "into an extension of the presi-

dent's reelection campaign."

Deadlines are fast approaching. Most states have budget deadlines with the new fiscal year starting July 1. The \$600 boost to unemployment benefits approved in the previous aid package is set to expire July 31. Small businesses that tapped the Paycheck Protection Program will start seeing loans come due without adjustments by Congress.

Teryn Zmuda chief economist at the National Association of Counties, said that local governments have been "on the forefront" of the COVID-19 response, but there is a dollar amount associated with that.

Many jurisdictions faced the double-whammy of increased overtime pay for essential workers and declining revenues as stay-at-home orders cut sales and gas taxes, toll fees and other revenue streams.

The result has been 800,000 jobs lost in the local government sector in April alone, according to a report from the association. More are expected.

"The cost has stacked up at the local level," Zmuda said.

At a hearing of the new House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, Mayor Mary Jane Scott of Mangum, Okla., tes-

tified Friday that the area's small hospital, which receives patients from across the rural region, was overloaded when the community faced an outbreak. She can't imagine trying to withstand a second wave.

Yet Jacksonville, Fla., Mayor Lenny B. Curry warned the committee that there's also a high cost of staying home. He said that the city has seen a spike in substance abuse overdose calls.

Republicans have argued against what some call bailouts — states warning that some have overextended with generous services, pensions or mismanagement.

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., the majority whip, who appeared at an online event Friday with a conservative group, said that Congress has already "flooded the zone" with a "staggering amount" of funds.

"I don't expect we'll see any immediate action in the Senate," Thune said.

McGee noted that Washington often haggles as all sides try to cut a deal. But she said, "playing that game in the middle of the pandemic and our economic — I hate to say collapse, but close to that — the game becomes more than a political game — it's life

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Checkpoints coming down after keeping visitors out of popular Florida Keys

Associated Press

KEYWEST, Fla.—Checkpoints leading into the Florida Keys are coming down two months after being set up to stop the spread of the new coronavirus.

The checkpoints that were being removed early Monday were put into place in March to keep tourists from entering the chain of islands in an effort to blunt the outbreak.

More than 18,750 cars coming from the mainland were turned away because drivers did not present the proper paperwork that showed they either worked or lived in the Florida Keys, said Kristen Livengood, a county spokeswoman.

With four deaths attributed to COVID-19, the Florida Keys has had about 110 coronavirus cases, and more than 20 of those are from a nursing home on Plantation Key, according to the Miami Herald.

"It's been very effective in keeping the community safe, but the time has come," Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay said.

By contrast, neighboring Miami-Dade County to the north has had almost 18,000 coronavirus cases and nearly 700 deaths.

But officials are warning residents to keep up their vigilance as the Florida Keys reopens to visitors.

"As we ready to reopen, remember when in public, stand 6 feet apart and wear a mask!" the Key West Police Department tweeted.

Alaska

ANCHORAGE — Alaska on Sunday reported 27 new coronavirus cases, the largest one-day increase reported since the start of the pandemic.

Cases have spiked since Gov. Mike Dunleavy, a Republican, loosened restrictions put into place to guard against the virus' spread. The state on April 24 began easing restrictions on businesses. Most restrictions on businesses were lifted May 22, though some local governments opened later. Dunleavy said at the time that he expected case numbers would rise and that the state would respond to any spikes or clusters.

Sunday's count was the most single-day cases since 22 were reported April 6. This comes after 13 new cases were reported Thursday, which was the state's first double-digit increase in cases in six weeks. The state now has a total of 460 cases involving residents.

Illinois

CHICAGO — Public health officials on Sunday announced 1,343 new cases of COVID-19 and 60 additional deaths in Illinois.

Overall, there have been 120,260 cases, including 5,390 deaths, in Illinois. More than 21,000 tests have been administered in the past 24 hours, according to the state's Department of Public Health.

State officials say the average seven-day rate of positive tests is 7%, down from a high of 23% in late April.

Illinois has been gradually reopening businesses in phases after Gov. J.B. Pritzker first issued a stay-at-home order in March. The city of Chicago planned to loosen restrictions within days, but tense protests sparked by George Floyd's death have led to more restrictions in the city's central business district that could mean delays.

Kentucky

FRANKFORT — More Kentucky parks are set to reopen in June.

Four Kentucky State Park lodges that were previously designated as part of the state's coronavirus emergency response will reopen on June 8, Gov. Andy Beshear announced. They include Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park and Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park.

A decline in cases of the virus means the lodging is no longer necessary for response efforts, officials said.

"We are making every effort to safely reopen tourism attractions across the commonwealth and offer in-state travel opportunities for Kentuckians to enjoy," Beshear said. "The revenue generated from in-state travel will foster economic growth in local communities and help Kentucky rebound with a healthy economy."

Health officials continue to stress the need for masks and social distancing to limit the spread of the virus.

Officials also plan to reopen the Kentucky Horse Park on June 11.

Maine

FREETPORT — L.L. Bean reopened its shuttered 24-hour flagship store that had closed since mid-March on Monday, part of a new wave of openings of stores and 10 coastal state parks and portions of Acadia National Park.

Public gatherings that were limited to 10 or fewer people were increased to 50 people effective Monday as part of the Mills administration's second phase of reopening Maine's economy.

Hotels, campgrounds and RV parks opened to out-of-state visitors, but a 14-day quarantine for people traveling to the state was still in effect.

The Maine Mall in South Portland also was reopening Monday,



ANDY NEWMAN, FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/AP

Monroe County Sheriff's Office Captain Don Fanelli, left, furls an American flag Sunday, with Capt. Don Hiller near Key Largo, Fla. The flag flew over a checkpoint near the top of the Florida Keys Overseas Highway that was established Wednesday to close the island chain to visitors in an effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus. The Florida Keys officially reopened to visitors Monday.

but most of the stores remained closed.

Maine businesses are allowed to deny service or entry to people who are not wearing cloth face coverings. There also are strict rules on how many people are allowed inside stores.

Likewise, popular coastal parks like Crescent Beach and Popham Beach were cutting parking by half to limit the number of visitors.

At Acadia National Park, the Park Loop Road opened to traffic and rangers will be at open-air tents outside of the Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Acadia's famed carriage open for walkers on Friday.

New Hampshire

CONCORD — The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles is resuming road tests after suspending them during the coronavirus pandemic.

Applicants who have completed all licensing requirements, including passing a written test, could take the road test starting Monday. Other DMV services are available by appointment, online or via drop box service.

Under new rules for driver's education, classes are continuing online but students can now receive road instruction. Both drivers and students are required to wear masks while on the road, and cars must be cleaned between sessions.

As of Sunday, 4,651 people had tested positive for the virus in New Hampshire, an increase of 106 from the previous day. Three new deaths were announced, bringing the total to 245.

New York

ALBANY — With coronavirus deaths continuing to decline in New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo expressed hope Sunday that the state is approaching a level where fatalities are perhaps not eliminated but are very few.

There were 56 COVID-19 deaths in New York on Saturday, "which in this absurd reality we live in is very, very good news," Cuomo said. While noting a slight uptick in the three-day average of new coronavirus hospital admissions, Cuomo said the number is declining overall.

Officials say nearly 24,000 people in the state have been killed by the virus, but that the true count is likely higher. The state's figure doesn't include another 5,800 deaths that New York City officials are attributing to the virus in that city.

Cuomo said that dentists statewide can reopen Monday.

The governor said that dentists' offices will be subject to state guidance on best practices for safety and social distancing. The move comes as the Cuomo administration slowly eases restrictions on economic activity in the state, region by region and industry by industry.

In preparation for New York City entering the first phase of easing lockdown restrictions on June 8, Cuomo said Saturday he'll focus this week on providing more testing and more supplies like masks to neighborhoods where infection rates remain high.

South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS — South Dakota is nearing 5,000 confirmed cases of the coronavirus, according to the South Dakota Department of Health.

State health officials on Sunday reported 33 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the state's total to 4,993. The number of active cases grew by one, to 1,094. The number of deaths reported in South Dakota since the start of the pandemic remains at 62.

The Department of Health reports 86 people are currently hospitalized, a drop of seven since Saturday.

Of South Dakota's confirmed coronavirus cases, Minnehaha County, the state's most populous

county, leads with 3,349, with four new cases Sunday, the Argus Leader reports.

Texas

AUSTIN — The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas rose by nearly 2,000 Sunday and there were another 24 deaths tied to the disease caused by the new coronavirus, according to health officials.

There were at least 64,287 cases and 1,949 deaths, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported Sunday, an increase from 62,338 cases and 1,648 deaths reported Saturday.

The true numbers are likely higher, however, because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick.

The department also estimated there were 20,192 active cases and that 42,423 people have recovered.

Wisconsin

MADISON — Wisconsin health officials reported 173 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus on Sunday, raising the state's total to 18,403.

Four new deaths from COVID-19 were reported in the state Sunday, bringing Wisconsin's death toll to 592 since the pandemic began. The new deaths are significantly fewer than the number announced in any of the past few days. A total of 71 deaths were reported between Wednesday and Saturday.

The Green Bay Press-Gazette reports the new cases reported Sunday by the state Department of Human Services are the lowest in almost two weeks. The percentage of positive tests dropped sharply from previous days, down to its lowest point ever at 2.3%.

But the number of people hospitalized in Wisconsin for the virus remains high. As of Sunday, 414 people were hospitalized, with 133 of those patients in intensive care.

NATION

Campaigns adjust for primaries amid virus

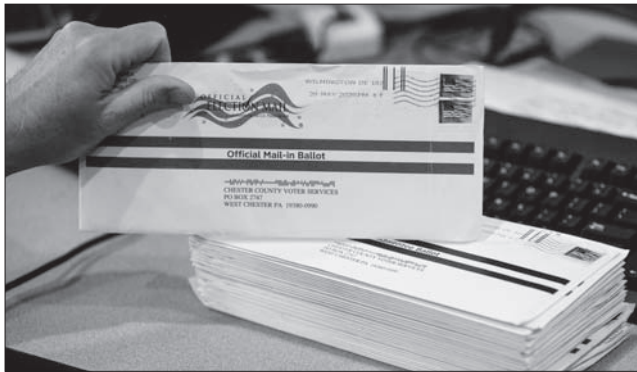
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HARRISBURG, Pa. — Tuesday's primaries in eight states are the biggest test to date of campaigning during the coronavirus era, a way for parties to test-drive new ways of getting out the vote during a time when it can be dangerous to leave your home.

Voters from Pennsylvania to Iowa to New Mexico will cast ballots in both the Democratic presidential contest, where former Vice President Joe Biden is the only contender with an active campaign and a host of down-ballot primaries for everything from governors to state representatives. Many states postponed elections scheduled between mid-March and May to the date because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Unable to send candidates out to barnstorm the states or volunteers to knock on voters' doors, campaigns have had to improvise. One Pennsylvania Republican congressional campaign recruited 100 people, including its candidate's large extended family, to hand-write thousands of letters to voters urging support. Another organized "pop-up food banks" for the needy. Others moved up television advertising to capitalize on a captive audience locked down at home. Democrats have created a phone banking model almost along the lines of a technology support hub, where knowledgeable volunteers and staffers can guide confused voters, step by step, through the process of voting by mail.

"Any plan you had three



MATT ROURKE/AP

Dave Turner processes mail-in ballots at the Chester County Voter Services office in West Chester, Pa., prior to the primary election, Thursday.

months ago is out the window," said Brock Lowrance, a Republican strategist working on two Montana races — Sen. Steve Daines' reelection bid and Rep. Greg Gianforte's bid for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. "Campaigns are having to adapt in the ways they're talking to voters but also in the ways voters are going to vote."

Some voting experts predict half or more of all ballots cast in the November election will be sent through the mail, as the Centers for Disease Control recommends as a way to lessen risk

of exposure to the virus at polling stations. States have scrambled to adjust to the new reality with some sending every voter an absentee ballot request.

In Iowa, the traditional frenzy of pre-primary barbecues and rallies has shifted to twice-a-week Zoom training of volunteers for Democratic Senate candidate Theresa Greenfield, who then start dialing voters to ensure they've requested and returned their mail ballots.

"Just because we're staying home doesn't mean we're standing still," said Sam New-

ton, communication director for Greenfield.

In Montana, where the populace is more accustomed to voting by mail, the outbreak has still altered the rhythm of the political season. Lowrance says he's noticed far more down-ballot races advertising on television, a reflection of how campaigns have fewer ways to reach voters and more eyeballs glued to the screen during quarantine.

Lowrance said campaigns, including his own, have had to watch their budgets as the pandemic and economic crash have

crimped fundraising and refrained from hiring the legion of door-knockers who usually hit the streets before elections. And now they are having to plan for two possibilities — that November will resemble the intense lockdowns of the past two months or the more mixed reality of reopened states.

"It's really trying to build two different plans and execute them," Lowrance said.

The greatest attention is on Pennsylvania. It's simultaneously the biggest state voting on Tuesday, the only one that is likely to be a presidential battleground in November and the state that's seen the biggest shift in voting in the COVID-19 era.

That's because this is the first statewide election under a new, more permissive mail voting law passed last year. In 2016, only 4.6% of the state's voters cast a ballot by mail. Now 21% of all the state's 8.5 million voters have already requested absentee ballots.

Democrats are overwhelming the ones asking to vote by mail — 1.3 million have filed requests, compared with 525,000 Republicans, state records show. That's partly a reflection of GOP distrust of mail voting that's been stoked by President Donald Trump, who's claimed without evidence it will lead to widespread fraud. Even the Trump campaign, recognizing that getting supporters to mail ballots is key to winning elections, has been pushing Republicans to use the technique.

Also conducting primaries Tuesday are Indiana, Maryland, Rhode Island and South Dakota.

Civil unrest could influence Biden's search for running mate

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden's search for a running mate could be reshaped by the police killing of George Floyd and the unrest it has ignited across the country, raising questions about contenders with law-and-order backgrounds and intensifying pressure on the presumptive Democratic nominee to select a black woman.

Biden, who has already pledged to pick a woman, has cast a wide net in his search. Some of the women on his list have drawn national praise amid the protests over Floyd's death, including Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, who delivered an impassioned appeal for calm in her city on Friday night. But the outcry over police brutality against minorities has complicated the prospects of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who had a controversial record addressing police violence as a prosecutor in the city where Floyd died.

Biden's choice of a running mate will be among the most con-

sequential decisions he makes in the campaign, particularly given that the 77-year-old is already talking about himself as a "transition" candidate to a new generation of Democratic leaders. His pick will also be viewed as a signal both of his values and who he believes should have representation at the highest level of the American government.

Even before the outcry over Floyd's death, some Biden allies were already urging him to put a black woman on the ticket given the critical role African Americans played in his path to the Democratic nomination. Those calls have gotten louder in recent days.

"The more we see this level of hatred, the more I think it's important to confront it with symbolic acts, including potentially the selection of an African American woman as vice president," said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers and one of the labor leaders who's been asked for input by Biden's team on the selection process.

Bottoms is one of several black women under consideration by

Biden's campaign. Others Biden is believed to be considering include California Sen. Kamala Harris, Florida Rep. Val Demings and Stacey Abrams, the Georgia Democrat and voting rights activist.

Demings didn't answer directly when asked if the events of the past week increased pressure on Biden to choose a black woman in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday.

"Well, we've never seen a black woman selected as a vice-presidential candidate. But I think the American people want someone who cares about their issues and are willing to move the ball forward."

Asked if she believes race should be left out of the conversation, she was careful to defer to Biden.

"It doesn't really matter what I think," she said. "What matters is what Americans think, and what Joe Biden thinks."

Demings, a former Orlando police chief, wrote a high-profile editorial on Friday challenging her former colleagues in law enforcement.

"As a former woman in blue, let



MATT ROURKE/AP

Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks to members of the press at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, on March 10.

me begin with my brothers and sisters in blue: What in the hell are you doing?" Demings wrote in The Washington Post.

Politicians with law-and-order backgrounds have been viewed skeptically by some in the Democratic Party given the high-profile instances of police brutality against minorities and other inequities in the criminal justice

system. In an interview Sunday, Demings defended herself and other potential contenders with such backgrounds, declaring "you're either gonna be part of the problem or part of the solution."

"And I think the community wants people who understand the system from the inside out in order to bring real life necessary reforms," she said.

WORLD

UN forced to cut aid to Yemen, even as virus increases need

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL
AND MAGGIE HYDE
Associated Press

CAIRO — Aid organizations are making an urgent plea for funding to shore up their operations in war-torn Yemen, saying they have already been forced to stop some of their work even as the coronavirus rips through the country.

Some 75% of United Nations programs in Yemen have had to shut their doors or reduce operations. The global body's World Food Program had to cut rations in half and U.N.-funded health services were reduced in 189 out of 369 hospitals nationwide.

"It's almost impossible to look a family in the face, to look them in the eyes and say, 'I'm sorry, but the food that you need in order to survive, we have to cut in half,'" Lise Grande, resident U.N. coordinator for Yemen, told The Associated Press.

The dwindling funds are the result of several factors, but among the top reasons is obstruction by Yemen's Houthi rebels, who control the capital, Sanaa, and other territories. The United

States, one of the largest donors, decreased its aid to Yemen earlier this year, citing interference by the Houthis.

It's yet to be seen whether the Houthis will allow monitoring and oversight or give U.N. agencies the space to operate. A U.N. pledging conference for Yemen on Tuesday is seeking \$2.41 billion to cover essential activities from June to December.

Grande said that the Houthis are working to become more transparent, and that she hopes this will encourage donor countries to give aid.

Her optimism, however, comes as the Houthis face heavy criticism for suppressing information about the number of COVID-19 cases and fatalities in areas they control, while putting no mitigation measures in place.

Tuesday's conference will be co-hosted for the first time by Saudi Arabia — a major player in Yemen's civil war since it first unleashed a bombing campaign in 2015 to try to push back the Iranian-backed Houthis who had seized the northern half of the country.

Critics have questioned the Saudis' high-profile role in rallying humanitarian support even as they continue to wage a war — as do the Houthis — that has created the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Maysaa Shuja al-Deen, a Yemeni researcher and a non-resident fellow at the Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies, said that the kingdom is trying to repair its international image by changing the conversation.

Saudi Arabia "has always tried to change the narrative of the war and present itself as a backer of the legitimate government, not part of the conflict," she said.

In past years, the kingdom has been one of the top donors for U.N. humanitarian aid operations in Yemen. The Saudi ambassador to Yemen, Mohammed al-Jaber, said that the kingdom will allocate \$500 million this year to support U.N. programs, including \$25 million for a COVID-19 response plan.

The U.N. itself has also investigated allegations of corruption and diversion of aid in Yemen in its own ranks.



MOISES CASTILLO/AP

The swollen Los Esclavos River flows violently during tropical storm Amanda in Culiapa, eastern Guatemala, on Sunday.

Tropical storm drenches part of Central America

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — The first tropical storm of the Eastern Pacific season drenched parts of Central America on Sunday, and officials in El Salvador said that at least seven people had died in flooding.

President Nayib Bukele decreed a 15-day state of emergency to deal with the rains that began pounding the country Friday ahead of Tropical Storm Amanda's landfall Sunday.

Amanda had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph when it

hit Sunday morning, but soon dissipated as it moved overland. By Friday evening, it was about 100 miles northeast of Guatemala City, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center.

El Salvador's Civil Defense agency said that at least seven people had died in the flooding, including an 8-year-old child. San Salvador Mayor Ernesto Muyschondt said that 50 houses had been destroyed in the capital, and officials said that hundreds of people around the country had been evacuated as rivers overflowed.

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WORLD

Hong Kong bans vigil for Tiananmen amid rush for UK passports

By ZEN SOO
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police rejected an application Monday for an annual candlelight vigil marking the anniversary this week of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, as residents rushed to apply for passports that could allow them to move to the United Kingdom.

Thousands of people lined up at DHL courier outlets across the city, many to send documents to the U.K. to apply for or renew what is known as a British National (Overseas) passport.

"My BNO passport expired in 2004, but at the time I didn't renew it because I trusted China," said Peter Chan, 40, who works in asset management and waited in line for more than two hours.

Chan said he was worried about political and security issues in Hong Kong stemming from an

upcoming national security law as well as a push by the semi-autonomous territory's legislature to enact a bill that would make it illegal to insult the Chinese national anthem.

Even though there is rising anti-immigrant and anti-Asian sentiment in the U.K., "it's still better than Hong Kong," he said.

"In Hong Kong, you never know what will happen tomorrow," Chan said.

It would be the first time in 30 years the candlelight vigil, which draws a huge crowd to an outdoor space, is not held in Hong Kong. The vigil marks the deadly military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989.

The police, in a letter to organizers, said it would violate coronavirus social distancing rules that ban gatherings of more than eight people.

Organizer Lee Cheuk-yan,



VINCENT YU/AP

Protesters gesture with five fingers, signifying the "Five demands — not one less" in a shopping mall during a protest against China's national security legislation for the city in Hong Kong on Monday.

chair of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, expressed disappointment and urged people to light candles individually and observe a moment of silence.

The rush to apply for passports came after Britain said last week that it might allow holders of the document to stay in the country

for a year or more. The proposal came after China's legislature decided it would enact a national security law for Hong Kong.

The move is aimed at clamping down on a pro-democracy movement that has at times resulted in violent clashes between protesters and the police. Critics say the law erodes the "one country, two

systems" framework that promised Hong Kong freedoms not found in mainland China for 50 years.

Protesters demonstrated against the security law during lunchtime Monday at a luxury shopping mall in the Central business district, shouting pro-democracy slogans.

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Confederate monument vandalized; 1 arrested

MS OXFORD — A Confederate monument on the campus of the University of Mississippi was vandalized.

The words "spiritual genocide" were painted on each side of the monument, along with red handprints, The Oxford Eagle reported.

University police officers arrested one unidentified person at the scene, according to the newspaper.

The vandalism occurred as demonstrators across the country protested the death of George Floyd, a handcuffed black man who pleaded for air as a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on his neck.

Nurse stole painkillers from local VA clinic

LA ALEXANDRIA — A nurse has pleaded guilty to stealing painkillers from the VA clinic where she worked.

Jolie King, 40, of Alexandria, pleaded guilty to taking the drugs from the Department of Veterans Affairs urgent care clinic in Pin-ville, saying she took them for her own use, U.S. Attorney David Joseph said in a news release.

King said she would log into the narcotics supply cabinet with a randomly chosen patient's name and once refilled two vials with saline solution and put them back in an attempt to avoid detection.

From September 2017 to October 2018, she took about 31 vials of hydromorphone and two of morphine.

Vacant office brought down with implosion

VA RICHMOND — A 21-story office tower in downtown Richmond was brought to the ground in an implosion.

The Dominion Energy Tower came down at its One James River Plaza location, news outlets reported.

The building, which was completed in 1978, has been vacant since last fall when Dominion moved employees and operations out of that building and into a new 20-floor office tower in downtown Richmond.

Alamo Cenotaph vandalized with graffiti

TX SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio police are investigating after the Alamo Cenotaph was vandalized with red spray-painted graffiti.

Officers found the graffiti and arrested a suspect in relation to other graffiti nearby. Police have not released information about the suspect nor specifically linked that person to the Alamo vandalism.

The Cenotaph memorializes the 200 Defenders of the Alamo killed by the Mexican Army in an 1836 assault during the war for Texas independence.

The north base of the Cenotaph was marked in red spray paint with the words "white supremacy," "profit over people" and "the



ANDREE KEHN, SUN JOURNAL/AP

Welcoming nice weather

Ray, Drew and their mother Kim Masse, enjoy a picnic on the shores of Lake Auburn in Lewiston, Maine, on Friday. The three decided to get out of the house to enjoy the weather. As a household, they have been observing strict social distancing out of concern for family members' health. They regularly do outdoor activities together, away from other people.

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Theft suspect on the run since 2018 found

SC COLUMBIA — A Kentucky man accused of stealing around \$25,000 from a nonprofit to pay off social media scammers was found in South Carolina, after being on the run since November 2018, authorities said.

David Boggs Jr. was arrested, more than 570 days after his disappearance, news outlets reported. The former executive director of Paducah's annual Barbecue on the River festival was charged with theft by unlawful taking of more than \$10,000.

Paducah Police Chief Brian Laird said Boggs, 50, sent an inappropriate image to someone and was later led to believe the person was underage.

Boggs sent the scammers thousands of dollars of his own money and then began using funds from the barbecue organization, stealing around \$25,000, Laird said.

3 charged in SUV fire at sheriff's impound lot

FL PENSACOLA — Two more people have been charged in a vehicle fire at a Florida sheriff's office impound lot.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Pensacola announced federal arson conspiracy charges against

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The total amount two Chicago animal shelters will be receiving in grant money to expand their abilities. In a news release, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's office said \$6 million will go to the South Suburban Humane Society to build a new facility. The

other \$2 million will go to the city of Evanston to demolish its current 2,600 square foot shelter that was built in the 1970s and replace it with a new 8,000 square foot open admission, no-kill shelter. "This program gives us greater capacity to safeguard all animal residents of Cook County ensuring they have safe shelter in times of need," Preckwinkle said in a statement.

Tony M. Streeter, 46, and Betty J. Jackson, 50, both of Fort Walton Beach. A third man, William W. Sims, 23, previously pleaded guilty to arson and was awaiting sentencing.

Streeter sold methamphetamine on multiple occasions, according to an indictment. An SUV registered to Streeter was seized by Drug Enforcement Administration agents during an investigation and stored at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office impound lot.

Sims sneaked into the lot and found the SUV, according to a complaint. After retrieving something concealed in the seized vehicle, Sims used an accelerator to set the SUV ablaze.

County may drop MLK, confederate holidays

SC LEXINGTON — A county in South Carolina has proposed dropping five holidays, including Martin Lu-

ther King Jr. Day and Confederate Memorial Day, to allow county offices to be open to the public on those days.

There was no comment for or against the proposal during a virtual public hearing for Lexington County's budget, County spokesman Harrison Cahill told The State. Other holidays that could be removed are Veterans Day, Presidents Day and the day after Christmas, the county's proposed budget said.

County employees who work during the holidays will have five additional paid leave days, Cahill said.

Fast-moving wildfire destroys historic church

PA CHESTER — A Pennsylvania church that had recently been added to the National Register of Historic Places was destroyed when a fast-moving fire roared through the building, authorities said.

Dozens of firefighters responded to the former Third Presbyterian Church in Chester, a city 17 miles southwest of Philadelphia on the Delaware River. They encountered heavy flames and thick smoke upon arrival, then battled the blaze for several hours before it was brought under control.

No injuries were reported in the fire, but some nearby homes were briefly evacuated as a precaution.

Sinkhole, abandoned mine displaced residents

SD BLACK HAWK — Dozens of Black Hawk residents are dealing with the emotional and financial fallout after a sinkhole exposed an abandoned mine underneath their neighborhood in April.

Fifteen families have been forced from homes, and it's unclear if they'll ever be able to reside in them.

The evacuees are waiting to see if they will be given a FEMA grant that would cover 75% of their home value before the sinkhole emerged.

Those who remain in the Hide-away Hills neighborhood are fearful their homes could collapse as they wait to see if the state or Meade County will pay for an engineer to study the safety of the area.

From wire reports

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Ricky Martin, shown at the Latin Grammy Awards in November, has released an EP called "Pausa."

AP

Ricky Martin on 'Pausa'

Latin pop star releases songs produced during quarantine

By SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS

Associated Press

The world paused, and for the first time in his life, Ricky Martin felt anxiety.

From his home in Los Angeles, where he worked with his foundation to get protective gear and food to hospitals and people in Puerto Rico and beyond, he followed the pandemic news and tried to hide his distress from his family.

"I had never suffered from anxiety, and I left home when I was 12 (to join boy-band Menudo). I have seen things, I have lived, but this is a new level, this is a new monster and to top it all, it is invisible," Martin told The Associated Press in a recent interview via Zoom.

"I spent two weeks with a poker face so my family wouldn't be affected, but finally I was able to raise my head and say 'eh, something very good has to come out of this, get creative.' And I started making music and it was my medicine, honestly, because I really felt like I was gasping for air," he said.

The result is "Pausa," a surprise EP "with a lot of introspection" released May 28, featuring four new songs that evoke romance and, at times, sadness. It includes collaborations by Sting (singing in Spanish), Carla Morrison, Diego El Cigala and Pedro Capo, as well as the previously released singles "Cantalo," with Residente and Bad Bunny, and "Tiburones."

It is the first part of a bigger project that will follow with "Play" — hence his use of the hashtag #PausaPlay in social media. The initial idea was to release a whole album that he had previously been working on for months, but Martin felt that the rhythms were not appropriate for the moment.

"I said, 'Sony, let's divide the album in two. Let's start now a little calmer and bring in the party afterward,'" he said. "What I am presenting, these four songs, are little magical things that happened during the quarantine, like calling Sting, like talking to Carla Morrison."

The new songs are "Simple," with Sting; "Recuerdo," with Mexican indie-pop singer-songwriter Morrison; "Cae de una," with Puerto Rican Capo, and "Quiereme," with flamenco singer Diego El Cigala. Each embraces the style of the guest.

The songs were recorded with the artists in London, Paris, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, with the help of sound engineer Enrique Larreal in New York.

Martin has been in lockdown with his husband, Jwan Yosef, his four children and his mother. Aside from his anxiety episode, he says they are having a good time and counts his blessings.

"Many people are alone; many people are suffering. We are all living an overwhelming uncertainty, everyone. It's OK not to feel OK and seek help," he said.

His 2020 agenda still includes a tour with Enrique Iglesias in September.

Forbes, Jenner spar over billionaire status

Associated Press

Forbes magazine, which once declared Kylie Jenner a billionaire on its cover, says she no longer deserves the title, but Jenner is pushing back.

Forbes said in a story posted May 29 that an examination of financial filings after the reality star and beauty mogul sold a majority share in her cosmetics company revealed that Jenner's worth was inflated. Jenner sold 51% of her Kylie Cosmetics company to Coty in a deal valued at \$1.2 billion early this year.

"Kylie's business is significantly smaller, and less profitable, than the family has spent years leading the cosmetics industry and media outlets, including Forbes, to believe," the magazine said in the story. "Forbes now thinks that Kylie Jenner, even after pocketing an estimated \$340 million after taxes from the sale, is not a billionaire."

Jenner responded in a series of tweets, saying "what am I even waking up to, I thought this was a reputable site... all I see are a number of inaccurate statements and unproven assumptions lol. I've never asked for any title or tried to lie my way there EVER."

Jenner is the younger daughter of Kris and Caitlyn Jenner, sister to Kendall Jenner and half-sister to Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian.

In March 2019, Forbes featured Jenner along with the headline, "At 21, Kylie Jenner Becomes The Youngest Self-Made Billionaire Ever."

On May 29, Forbes offered a starkly different headline: "Inside Kylie Jenner's Web of Lies — And Why She's No Longer a Billionaire."

Jenner's lawyer acknowledges that the coronavirus crisis and its effect on the cosmetics industry has hurt her net worth.

But it says it is "likely" that the "business was never that big to begin with, and the Jenners have lied about it every year since 2016."

Jenner's attorneys say the story is "filled with outright lies."

Stempel, TV quiz show whistleblower, dies

Herbert Stempel, a fall guy and whistleblower of early television whose confession to deliberately losing on a 1950s quiz show helped drive a national scandal and join his name in history to winning contestant Charles Van Doren, died at a New York nursing home on April 7. He was 93.

Stempel's long life was changed and defined by a TV face-off late in 1956, when he and Van Doren smoothly executed a fraudulent display of knowledge, gaps in knowledge and sportsmanship on "Twenty-One," part of a wave of programs that offered big prizes and trivia to experts. Confessions by Stempel and others badly tainted the young medium, helped lead to Congress' banning what had been technically legal — rigging game shows — and to the cancellation of "Twenty-One" among others.

Interest was revived by the 1994 movie "Quiz Show," directed by Robert Redford and starring John Turturro as Stempel and Ralph Fiennes as Van Doren.

Artist Christo dies

Christo, known for massive, ephemeral public arts projects, died Sunday at his home in New York. He was 84. No cause of death was given.

Along with late wife Jeanne-Claude, the artists' careers were defined by their audacious art projects that quickly disappeared soon after they were erected. In 2005, he installed more than 7,500 vinyl gates in New York's Central Park and wrapped the Reichstag in Berlin in fabric in 1995. Their \$26 million Umbrellas project erected 1,340 blue umbrellas in Japan and 1,760 blue umbrellas in Southern California in 1991.

The statement said the artist's next project, L'Arc de Triomphe, Wrapped, is slated to appear in September in Paris as planned. An exhibition about Christo and Jeanne-Claude's work is also scheduled to run from July through October at the Centre Georges Pompidou.

Sunday comics to salute essential workers

By MICHAEL CAVNA

The Washington Post

Dave Blazek's job is to make you forget for a few seconds and laugh. Through his syndicated comic, "Loose Parts," he offers quirky observations and absurd scenarios — but lately, a pressing question has popped into his personal thought balloons as a daily gig cartoonist: Should he let "the new normal" of pandemic life in 2020 invade his strip's silly, sealed-off world?

"I understand that the coronavirus — and all that it has changed — is tremendous fodder for ideas, and it certainly has the benefit of common experience that so many cartoons tap deep into," Blazek says. "But I just decided to not address it in 'Loose Parts.'"

Instead, Blazek is among at least 70 cartoonists who plan to pay visual tribute to first responders and other essential workers in their print and online color art this Sunday. The coordinated "cartoon gratitude" campaign will feature a handful of icons embedded into the strips, to thank everyone from medical personnel (symbolized with a cartoon mask) to scientists (a microscope symbol) to teachers (an apple) to food workers (a fork).

The idea began with "Baby Blues" co-creator Rick Kirkman, who contacted some of his fellow cartoonists about coordinating a campaign while sheltering in place. Kirkman's syndicate, King Features, and the National Cartoonists Society helped boost the initiative, as did Andrews McMeel Syndication.

June 7 marks the weekend that the NCS

was set to hold its Reuben Awards convention in Kansas City, Mo.; the event was canceled because of the coronavirus.

Kirkman hopes readers will get into the spirit of the "big thank-you search" for symbols, like an "I spy" game. "Each time they find one," he says, "it's a little bit of gratitude for the people it represents."

He hopes that feeling of gratitude in turn will spur readers to give to charities aiding people during the pandemic. Some of the cartoonists will cite specific charities in their comics, and participating strips will be viewable online at ComicsKingdom.com and GoComics.com.

In addition to the microscope, apple and fork, Blazek included a "hidden" cart (a nod to grocery workers) and a steering wheel symbol (for drivers and transportation workers) in his "Loose Parts" strip.



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Dave Blazek's 'Loose Parts' comic strip for June 7 will be among dozens honoring essential workers that day.

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OPINION

We need a better normal – and peace

By DANIELLE ALLEN
Special to The Washington Post

The United States has been living through a slow-moving legitimacy crisis for some time now. There are things we can do about it.

My first flashing red alert came when Congress's approval rating hit an all-time low of 9% in 2012; it has climbed back to a still meager 31%. If the people don't approve their own voice, constitutional democracy is broken.

My second flashing red alert was the finding that only about 30% of millennials under age 40, so we're not talking about children – consider it essential to live in a democracy. It's a basic fact that you don't get to have a democracy if people don't want one. The failure of this country to grapple effectively with climate change and the abysmal state of our criminal-justice system have contributed to undermining the conviction of the young that this constitutional democracy can deliver what the Declaration of Independence promises: our safety and happiness, grounded on a foundation of security for rights.

My most personal red alert came in 2009 when my cousin was killed three years after his conviction for prison by someone he had met there. He served 11 years, after being sentenced at age 15 on a first arrest for an attempted – i.e., failed – carjacking. I should have confronted earlier what was happening to black men in this country, but I began facing it squarely then.

When you have a legitimacy crisis, and cycles of disenfranchisement across society, not only for black and brown citizens but also for white, for rural as well as urban, it shouldn't come as a surprise when we have revolution in your streets. The issues people confront are legion and conflicting.

What unites them across ideological divides is a conviction that our processes of governance are failing to deliver security and opportunity.

This belief is correct. The fact that we have not by now suppressed the pandemic and achieved a sound foundation for securing lives, liberties and livelihoods simultaneously has been a failure of governance.

The situation is dire. The causes for personal anger many. In my case, incandescent rage has blocked my capacity to think for several days. For me, prayer helps.

There is something we can do.

First, choose peace. Revolution never succeeds unless it rides on the back of a deeper commitment to the process of constitution. The goal has to be to build. These things can be done only on the basis of a commitment to peace. We need a better normal at the end of this. Not a new normal, a rinse and repeat of the old but with face masks. We need peace. Social movement leaders across the ideological spectrum should renounce violence. Americans for Prosperity should disavow people who bring guns to rallies. Black Lives Matter should disavow the antifa movement, which is real and dangerous.

Second, choose self-government. Societies can resolve their problems through only one of two mechanisms: authoritarian decision or self-government. Self-government delivers the sturdier foundation for human flourishing – a foundation that permits people to craft their own life courses and develop their full potential. To choose self-government, however, means to choose the institutions of collective decision-making. Voting, running for office, working through committee processes to identify and implement policy solutions.

Yet how can we choose self-government when there is broad perception that those

institutions are failing? We have to start by reforming the institutions themselves. They have to start working for us.

Third, channel the energies of protest directly into governance even through our imperfect institutions. We need a transformed criminal-justice system. Yes, it is good that the officer who knelt on George Floyd's neck has been criminally charged. But the problems we face are not solved one case of police violence at a time. We need a systems-level goal.

Here is what we should choose: Reduce our reliance on incarceration from 70% of the sanctions imposed in our criminal-justice system to 10%. This is not utopian. The Netherlands uses incarceration at about this rate and Germany at an even lower rate. There are alternatives for responding to wrongdoing and wrongdoers than our violent criminal-justice system. If we pick this one goal and organize our energy around that, everything else will change – policing, drug policies, court processes, the depths of our despair, our health, our freedom, our economic opportunities. Everything.

How do we do this? Sens. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, have proposed a national commission tasked with undertaking "a comprehensive review of the criminal justice system," including recommendations for federal reform and advice to state, local and tribal governments. That idea was dropped in the process of passing the First Step criminal-justice reform law, but it should be revived – now.

No justice, no peace, we often say. It's also true, though, that without peace, there is no justice.

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Minneapolis is a crucial test of the policing profession

By ART ACEVEDO
Special to The Washington Post

The demonstrations in Minneapolis reveal the searing pain and anger that many Americans feel in response to the death of George Floyd while being taken into police custody. The actions of the four officers involved shock the conscience, are inconsistent with the protocols of the policing profession and sabotage the law-enforcement community's tireless efforts to build public trust.

We hope the swift and decisive actions taken by Hennepin County authorities and Minneapolis police chief Medaria Arradondo – and the good work performed by police officers in Minneapolis and across our nation – do not get lost in the backlash. But tragedies such as this one occur far too frequently in our country, especially in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods. There is still much work that our profession must do to prevent more deaths like Floyd's and the destructive outrage that follows.

Moving our profession forward begins with a unanimous commitment to accountability. From the start of academy training, recruits must understand that they have an absolute duty to put public safety first. There must be zero tolerance for dishonesty, as well as consequences for officers who fail to follow their training. In the Houston Police Department, we are privileged to lead, we instill in our men and women the certainty that policy violations regarding truthfulness will lead to termination – or, as we put it, "If you lie, you die."

Clearly, criminal conduct on the part of police officers must be investigated and prosecuted. But investigations into use-of-force incidents should be wide-ranging. In

Houston, we look not only at the legality and justification for the use of force, but also consider whether there were opportunities to de-escalate. We want to send an important message to our personnel: Protecting the sanctity of life – of civilians, suspects and officers – is always our top priority.

When cops' bad actions do not reach the level of criminal offenses, it is no less important for police leadership to remove from the ranks any officers who violate their oaths to serve and protect. Other officers, too, must stand against corruption and abuse in their midst. Here, I am encouraged: While there have been eras in America's history when police have found it difficult to speak up, for many years, officers have consistently been holding one another to account.

Police labor leaders, who have enormous influence over the rank and file, can do more to help stop bad policing. When incidents such as the one in Minneapolis occur, their voices would be welcome additions to those speaking out against the few unfit cops who sully the reputations of all we serve. In this particular case, we have finally heard from police labor leaders who have condemned Floyd's death. This is an encouraging development.

State legislatures, too, have a role to play. In Minneapolis, the police officers involved in Floyd's death were summarily fired. In many jurisdictions, collective bargaining agreements prevent such swift terminations. In these states, lawmakers should ensure that police chiefs can act as quickly as Arradondo did in removing bad cops. State legislatures must also explore solutions to the problem of so-called gypsy cops – officers who are fired, only to cause only to turn around and join another

police department.

Communities have a responsibility, as well. We ask citizens to report police misconduct without fail, so that departments can track, investigate and publicly report those complaints. Officers who are inclined toward abuse or corruption must know that their department and their colleagues – and their communities and the criminal justice system – will hold them accountable if they act on those inclinations.

There is another way in which communities can be a resource for police chiefs. Developing a culture of servant leadership must begin with recruiting officers from the neighborhoods we serve. America's cities offer a plethora of talented, culturally diverse potential recruits. Police chiefs should seek them out, welcome them, train them, lead them and celebrate the perspectives they bring.

This work cannot begin too soon. Right now, law enforcement officers are being tested – as a police station burns in Minneapolis, and as gunfire erupts in Louisville, Ky., and Denver. Police across the country will need to rely on their training and the values of courage and compassion we have hopefully instilled – as our nation struggles with Floyd's death and searches for justice.

I and my fellow police chiefs extend our collective condolences to Floyd's family and loved ones and to all who grieve his death. We condemn the actions of the police officers involved. But we remain hopeful that, in the aftermath of this terrible incident, we will focus on the key steps we can all take to give our communities the professional police officers they deserve.

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A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons

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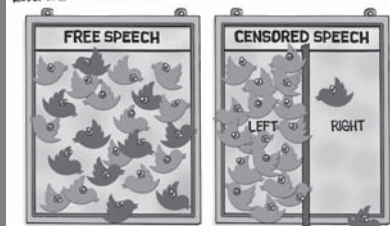


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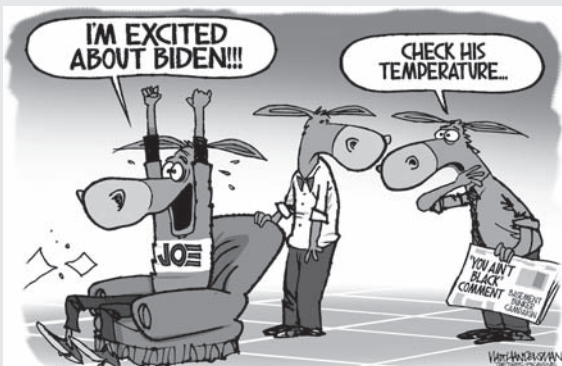


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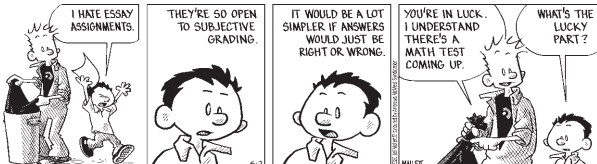
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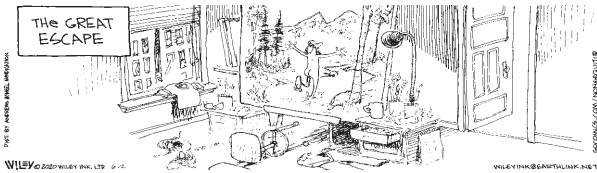
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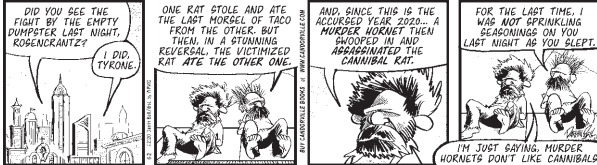
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VIRUS OUTBREAK

NHL plans to test players daily if games resume

By STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

Nick Foligno watches Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's coronavirus briefings and appreciates the value of the information.

It is part of the reason the Columbus captain supports NHL players undergoing daily testing if the season resumes.

"Testing is a must because it's the only way you're going to know and feel confident every time you step on the ice that everyone is in the same boat as you and you can play the game to the best of your ability," Foligno said.

The first major North American professional sports league to announce a format for its potential return to competition also has a comprehensive COVID-19 testing strategy. There are screening protocols in place for voluntary workouts and training camp in the hands of individual teams. Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly also said the NHL plans to test all players every day when games start happening.

"We will have a rigorous daily testing protocol where players are tested every evening and those results are obtained before they would leave their hotel rooms the next morning, so we'll know if we have a positive test and whether the player has to self-quarantine himself as a result of that positive test," Daly said. "It's expensive, but it's really a critical additional element of what we're trying to accomplish."

Each test costs approximately \$125, the league says, and Com-



STEPHANIE ZOLLISMAN, THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE/AP

Matthew Donahue receives a COVID-19 swab test in Pittsfield, Mass., in April. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman estimates the league will need 25,000-35,000 tests in total to get through the playoffs, with a price tag that could run into the "millions of dollars."

missioner Gary Bettman estimated 25,000-35,000 will be needed to get through the playoffs — a price tag, he concedes, of "millions of dollars." But athletes have plenty of concerns about risking their health to get back to work, and regular testing is something players insisted on.

"You need testing at a level sufficient to be confident that you're going to be on top of anything which might happen," NHL Players' Association executive director Don Fehr said. "If that turns out to be daily, and that's avail-

able, that's OK. That would be good."

Infectious disease expert Dr. Amesh Adajala of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security isn't quite sure how often athletes should be tested to ensure they are virus-free. He said testing in German soccer will help other leagues determine the right frequency, which also depends on the type of quarantine and exposure risks players will have.

"We do know that people that have increased contact with each

other are going to have more opportunity to spread the virus, and hockey is one of the sports where individuals do have a lot of contact with each other," Adajala said. "I would say that they're going to have to be more aggressive than other leagues in terms of testing."

While players vary on their general concern about contracting the virus by resuming the season, many seem to be on board with frequent testing.

"Having it each and every day begins to limit the potential of getting the virus," Edmonton player representative Darnell Nurse said. "If that's what it takes, that's what the professionals who are in this field and tackle these challenges each and every day, if that's what they believe is the best option, then that's the way you have to go."

Teammate Connor McDavid and Toronto captain John Tavares, who are members of the NHL/NHLPA Return to Play committee, deferred to experts on how often players should be tested. McDavid added, "I think you have to get tested in a time like this, and you want to get tested as frequently as you can to catch it right away."

Daly said one person testing positive for the coronavirus would not necessarily mean another pause for the NHL. Leaguewide testing done daily would allow the isolation of an infected player, coach or staff member before the start of an outbreak.

"If one guy tests positive, I see it as unlikely that other guys don't

test positive, but in assessing everybody I have to believe that they'll probably find it," Montreal player rep Paul Byron said. "What would happen if half your team or four or five or six guys test positive at one time?"

League and team officials have stressed they would only use thousands of tests if that number does not endanger the supply for the general public, a concern Adajala brushed for all sports. Bettman said medical experts told the NHL that by the time games could resume this summer, 25,000-30,000 would be "a relatively insignificant number."

Adajala said a league partnership with a national chain for testing could keep it from interfering with the public supply, though it is difficult to predict what availability will be like in late summer. He also said the cost and availability depends on whether the NHL would use more expensive but more reliable PCR tests — the nose swabs — or rapid antigen tests that can have less sensitivity.

Protocols for voluntary workouts and training camps require PCR testing where available, and Daly said the NHL continues to study the potential use of antigen testing.

Part of the decision on which cities host games is the amount of COVID-19 present in the community. Bettman hopes the combination of going to a place with less of it, testing frequently and putting players in a quarantine "bubble" of sorts means it's less likely for anyone to contract it.

Concern: Players still wary if enough COVID-19 testing will be available

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on. This is a pandemic that we have no idea [about]. We can't control it."

Reporters from The Associated Press spoke to more than two dozen athletes from around the globe — representing seven countries and 11 sports — to get a sense of how concerned or confident they are about resuming competition. What emerged, above all, was a sense that they are going through the very same sort of calculus that much of the rest of society is: What is safe nowadays? How do I, and my family, stay healthy, especially with no cure or vaccine yet?

"There's certainly an element of the unknown," New Jersey Devils defenseman Connor Carrick said. "This has not been studied all that long still, even though it feels like an eternity some days."

Or as Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who has won nine Grand Slam tennis doubles titles, explained: "It's sort of even tough to gauge what I should be worried about."

Mattek-Sands did say she thinks those in charge of her sport will do their best to protect participants, which matched the general consensus among those interviewed.

They also consider the optics.

"You'd have these billionaire (team) owners that are probably social distancing in their boxes, while you have guys on the field playing a game with no fans," said Kelvin Beachum, an NFL free agent. "I think that would be very, very awkward."

Nearly unanimous was a wariness about enough COVID-19 testing — what types, how many, how often — and other pre-



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The United States' Becky Sauerbrunn is among the more than two dozen athletes from around the globe — representing seven countries and 11 sports — that The Associated Press spoke with to get a sense of how concerned or confident they are about resuming competition.

cautions (contact tracing, for example) that leagues, unions and governing bodies might institute as they develop protocols.

Most echoed Thompson's sentiment that

"I feel as if there's a big rush to get us back. People want to make money. I understand how important it is to have events, but if it's putting anyone at risk, then that's ridiculous."

John Millman

Australian tennis player

"we should have constant testing," but there was hesitation about too many nasal swabs or blood samples.

"If the tests don't come back for a couple of days and whatnot, how does that really work?" said two-time Olympic champion skier Mikaela Shiffrin. "It's good to know if you test positive or negative. But if we're talking about being tested today so we can race tomorrow, but the results don't come back for two days, it doesn't really help."

Ryan Zimmerman, a member of the World Series champion Washington Nationals, was adamant: "Someone is going to need to be able to assure us that the testing put forward will be able to catch this before it can cause some sort of outbreak among people in close quarters."

He mentioned whether they would agree to get a seasonal flu shot if required, the way it was in Australian rugby. Two athletes said they never get seasonal flu vaccines — one also didn't want recommended shots before a recent trip to Africa — and aren't inclined to change that.

Others weren't sure they would agree to get a COVID-19 vaccine if mandated by a league.

"I think it would stop at some sort of vac-

cine to play," St. Louis Cardinals All-Star shortstop Paul DeGroot said. "There is a fine line between what [MLB] can do to protect us and some things they can do to kind of exert power over us."

For those in sports that require international travel, there are concerns about how easy it will be to hop from country to country — and how easy it'll be to avoid catching or spreading the virus.

"You are so concerned that you don't want to be the cause of somebody else's... death," said Padraig Harrington, a three-time major golf champion from Ireland. "Traveling, you have the fear that you are going to get it — and you still maintain that fear of passing it on to someone who is vulnerable."

He mentioned his 80-year-old mother, but the list goes beyond athletes' relatives: coaches, training staff, officials, arena workers and, if there are any, spectators. Plus those folks' families.

"The pressure to 'get back out there' makes it clear," Olympic long jump champion Tianna Bartoletta said, "that athletes aren't necessarily being seen as the humans they are, with the families they have."

FLOYD REACTION



LARS BARON/AP

Jadon Sancho of Borussia Dortmund celebrates scoring a goal with a 'Justice for George Floyd' shirt during the German Bundesliga soccer match between SC Paderborn 07 and Borussia Dortmund in Paderborn, Germany, on Sunday. Sancho received a yellow card for his actions.

Commentary

Soccer appears out of touch suppressing on-field activism

By ROB HARRIS
Associated Press

To most watching Borussia Dortmund star Jadon Sancho remove his jersey to reveal a handwritten "Justice for George Floyd" message on his undershirt, it was a powerful expression of activism on a soccer field.

To the Bundesliga referee overseeing that game, it was an action requiring punishment.

Rarely has a rule looked so out of touch.

At one of the world's few globally televised sports on Sunday, Sancho showed the soccer world Floyd's death resonated far beyond the United States.

Floyd, a black man, was filmed gasping for breath on Monday in Minneapolis while being pressed under the knee of a white police officer for several minutes. Floyd's death has sparked days of protests across the U.S.

And four players this weekend in German soccer took a stand in support of the protesters, making their point in the first major soccer league to resume during the coronavirus pandemic.

The referee who penalized Sancho, Daniel Siebert, was following global soccer rules when he showed Sancho a yellow card. FIFA rules state players should be cautioned for removing their jersey

while celebrating. Any messages on undershirts from the political and religious to the personal — have been prohibited since 2014, although the penalty is left to each league to decide.

But in removing his jersey to reveal the slogan, Sancho highlighted a cause far bigger than sports.

"The booking of Jadon Sancho, or any other player, for making a statement in support of a man who has been unjustly killed is the wrong decision," Piara Powar, executive director of soccer's anti-discrimination Fare Network, said. "This is not a party-political cause, or an issue that poses a threat to football but an expression of concern and solidarity from minority players."

Dortmund teammate Achraf Hakimi revealed his own yellow "Justice for George Floyd" T-shirt when he netted Dortmund's fourth goal against Paderborn. The Moroccan was not booked — the rule wasn't even applied equally. The Bundesliga did not respond to requests for comment.

"We have to come together as one & fight for justice," the 20-year-old Sancho tweeted. "We are stronger together!"

"Denying high-profile athletes an opportunity to express concern on big issues," Piara said, "is neither correct nor can it be controlled in the post-Kaepernick era."

Commentary

Long before Floyd's death sparked protests, he was an athlete

By RICH KILLMON
Stars and Stripes

Our entire lives, most of us have been told it's a small world.

Until this week, I didn't realize just how small.

Journalists' careers often take us on an interesting journey. If we're lucky, our careers take us to exotic places that leave indelible memories imprinted on our minds.

Sports writers have it even better. We see incredible moments that millions of Americans cheer.

My journey began in Texas and carried me all the way to Washington, D.C., as a sports copy editor at Stars and Stripes.

But along the way, I was fortunate to ex-

perience some special moments.

One such moment occurred nearly 30 years ago, when I was a sports writer for the Temple Daily Telegram, a small newspaper in Central Texas. As the beat writer for Temple High School, my job was to write about everything that related to Temple High School athletics.

In 1992, I covered a Temple football team that compiled a 15-1 season and capped it off with a Class 5A Division II state championship.

On Friday, an old friend and colleague from Texas got in touch to inform me that one of the running backs from that championship team, Delarrus Wilson, had passed away the night before. My thoughts im-

mediately carried me back to that magical season when Temple had run roughshod over the best teams in Texas. Wilson, small in stature and fleet of foot, had squirmed through holes opened by Temple's gigantic offensive line, often running 5 or 6 yards before even being touched.

But it wasn't just Wilson's death that hit home with me.

In Minneapolis, an African American man named George Floyd had just been killed after a police officer knelt on his neck for nine minutes, possibly leading to his death.

I noticed a photo of George Floyd from his high school years in Houston, where he grew up. He was pictured in his high school

football uniform. Plastered across the front of his jersey was the name "Yates."

George Floyd was 46 when he was killed, and I'm 55. I remembered I was a mere 27 years old when I covered Temple that season.

So I began to dig, and with just a few internet searches, I was able to determine that Floyd was a senior in high school that same season.

And his obituary told me "At 6 feet, 6 inches, Floyd emerged as a star tight end for Jack Yates High School and played in the 1992 state championship game."

He caught 2 passes for 18 yards in Yates' 38-20 loss to Delarrus Wilson and Temple.

Rioters trash, loot College Football Hall

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The College Football Hall of Fame is boarded up and assessing damage from a destructive night of protests in downtown Atlanta.

The facility's most valuable trophies and artifacts were moved to a secure facility in case additional trouble breaks out amid nationwide unrest over the death in Minneapolis of George Floyd, a handcuffed black man who pleaded to police that he could not breathe.

Kimberly Beaudin, the hall's chief executive officer, said the extensive glass facade of the nearly 95,000-square-foot building was shattered Friday night. Rioters also broke into the street-level gift shop, stole merchandise and left it "pretty trashed," she added.

But, other than some broken glass that fell into a large exhibition area shaped like a football field, the interior of the hall was not breached by the protesters.

"All of it can be repaired. All of it can be recovered. All of the merchandise can be replaced," Beaudin told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday. "We're very thankful."

Previously located in South

Bend, Ind., the Hall of Fame opened a new \$68.5 million facility in Atlanta in 2014, taking a prime spot adjacent to the Georgia World Congress Center and right across the street from Centennial Olympic Park.

It is part of a hub of downtown tourist attractions that also includes the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, and a giant Ferris wheel.

That area became the epicenter of Atlanta's protests over Floyd's death. Thousands of people jammed the streets, clashing with police and damaging businesses.

The Hall of Fame had been making plans to reopen after shutting down in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic. Beaudin said those plans likely will be pushed back because of the time needed to make repairs.

"We had been working through scenario A and scenario B," she said. "Now, we have scenario C."

More protests were staged Saturday in Atlanta, but no additional damage was reported to the Hall of Fame or other businesses around Centennial Olympic Park. The city was under a curfew and a heavy presence of police and National Guard soldiers curtailed a repeat of Friday night's carnage.



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

The Georgia National Guard lines up in front of the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday in the aftermath of a demonstration against police violence on Friday.

MLB/MLS

Players' counteroffer: 114-game season, no additional salary cuts

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball players ignored claims by clubs that they need to take additional pay cuts, instead proposing they receive a far higher percentage of salaries and a commit to a longer schedule as part of a counteroffer to start the coronavirus-delayed season.

Players proposed a 114-game regular season Sunday, up from 82 in management's offer, a person familiar with the plan said. Done that way, the World Series could extend past Thanksgiving.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no details were announced.

Opening day would be June 30 and the regular season would end Oct. 31, nearly five weeks after the Sept. 27 conclusion that MLB's proposal stuck to from the season's original schedule. The union offered scheduling flexibility to include more doubleheaders as baseball crams the games into 123 days, leaving little room for days off.

MLB's proposal Tuesday would lower 2020 salaries from about \$4 billion to approximately \$1.2 billion. The union's offer would have salaries total about \$2.8 billion.

The plan was given to MLB during an 80-minute digital meeting among Commissioner Rob Manfred, deputy commissioner Dan Halem, union head Tony Clark

and union chief negotiator Bruce Meyer. The meeting was contentious, a person familiar with it said.

Like MLB, the union would increase postseason teams from 10 to 14. But unlike MLB, the players' proposal would extend the postseason about a month past its usual end. MLB has said it is worried about a second wave of the coronavirus in the autumn.

While management proposed an expanded postseason for 2020 only, the union offered it for this year and next.

Players proposed new events that could increase revenue, such as a postseason or offseason All-Star Game and/or Home Run Derby, to wear broadcast microphones on the field and participate in television programming away from ballparks.

They also asked for \$100 million more in salary to be advanced during the resumption of spring training. A player would receive about 70% of his salary, or 114/162nds, under the plan.

The union and MLB agreed March 26 that players would receive prorated shares of salaries, part of the deal in which if the season is scrapped, each player was guaranteed service time for 2020 matching what the player earned in 2019. The union also was guaranteed \$170 million in salary advances.

While the union says salaries were dealt with then, that agree-



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

The sun sets behind Citi Field during a game between the Mets and the Chicago Cubs in New York on Aug. 29. Major League Baseball players proposed receiving a far higher percentage of salaries in exchange for committing to a longer schedule as part of a counteroffer.

ment covered only games in regular-season ballparks and with fans. The deal called for "good faith" negotiations for games without fans or at neutral sites.

MLB told the union that players would get 89% of revenue in an 82-game schedule with prorated salaries and clubs would combine to lose \$640,000 for each additional game. The union has questioned the accounting.

MLB's offer called for spring training to resume in mid-June and for the season to start around the Fourth of July. The club proposal would take the prorated

salaries and reduce them again in a sliding scale. Those at the \$563,500 minimum would get about 47% and those at the top — led by Mike Trout and Gerrit Cole at \$36 million — would receive less than 23%. Management proposed \$200 million of salaries would be contingent on the post-season's completion.

All players would have the right to opt out of the season under the union plan.

Those who meet qualifications for high risk or reside with a person who qualifies as high risk would receive salary and major

league service. Others who opt out would receive service time but no salary.

If the postseason is not held because of a second wave, the union plan calls for \$100 million in salary to be deferred with interest, payable in November 2021 and November 2022. Only players whose original 2020 salaries were \$10 million or more would be subject to having money deferred.

The union estimates high-payroll teams would have up to \$7 million in payroll relief, the person said.

MLSPA agrees to reductions in pay, possible summer tournament

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

The Major League Soccer Players Association voted to approve economic concessions for this season, including across-the-board salary cuts, while also agreeing to play in a proposed summer tournament in Orlando, Florida.

The proposal, made public by the union Sunday night, will now be sent back to the league for approval by team owners.

"While a difficult vote in incredibly challenging times, it was taken collectively to ensure that players can return to competition as soon as they are safely able to do so," the MLSPA said in a statement.

The MLS season was suspended March 12 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Teams had played just two games of the season.

Major League Soccer gave its teams the go-ahead Thursday to begin small voluntary group training sessions outdoors. Teams must follow a strict protocol, as well as local public health and government restrictions. Not all of the league's teams have returned to training.

Details of the Orlando tournament were still under consideration, but the league's

26 teams and limited staff would be sheltered at hotels with games played without fans at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex in Disney World.

In addition to salary cuts, the union's proposal includes reduced team and individual bonuses, as well as concessions to the existing and future terms of the collective bargaining agreement. Details were not immediately available.

MLS did not immediately comment on the proposal.

MLS first announced last month it was exploring possible "changes to player compensation" because of the financial hit the league and teams were facing with the extended suspension in play.

"We are seeking to work collaboratively with the MLSPA to find a solution that provides a safety net for all players, opportunity to earn full salary in the scenario where all matches are played with fans, and in particular provides protection for the players at the lower end of the salary scale," the league said in a statement at the time.

MLS and the players' union agreed to terms of a new contract in early February, but it had not been ratified when the season was put on hold.



TEO S. WARREN/AP

From left, Sydney Hanson, and Vincente Yu, both nurses at EvergreenHealth in Kirkland, Wash., stand with Michael Allary, a firefighter with the Kirkland Fire Department, and Seattle Sounders captain and MLS soccer midfielder Nicolas Lodeiro after they took part in a flag raising for the launch of the "All in WA" relief effort, Wednesday, May 27, on the roof of the Space Needle in Seattle.

AUTO RACING

Inherit the win: Keselowski prevails again

Driver takes advantage to rule at Bristol after Elliott, Logano collide

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Brad Keselowski has a new crew and is fighting for a new contract at Team Penske. His confidence is still intact and he's convinced he can compete for a championship this year.

Being in the right place at the right time is helping.

Keselowski inherited his second win in a week when the leaders crashed in front of him with a lap remaining Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway. He won the Coca-Cola 600 seven nights ago at Charlotte Motor Speedway when a caution with two laps remaining helped him get to victory lane.

"I felt like I was in Las Vegas," Keselowski said about the Bristol win. "I went from having a bad hand to a full house real quick."

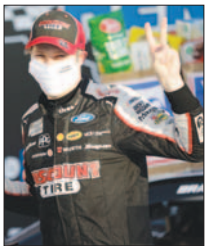
The victory dropped into Keselowski's lap when Chase Elliott and Joey Logano collided as they raced for the win. Keselowski was third with a lap and a turn remaining when opportunity opened. Logano cleared Elliott for the lead with three to go, but Elliott stalked him while seeking his second win in three days.

They made contact in the fourth turn and drifted into the wall as Keselowski slid past. He had just one trip around the 0.533-mile concrete bullring to close the victory.

"We were in position and able to strike when it counted," Keselowski said. "Joey and Chase got together there. I don't know what all caused it, but we were just in position to strike and here we are in victory lane."

Keselowski, hoping to get an extension with Team Penske, won the 600 when a caution with two to go snatched the win from Elliott. Keselowski inherited the lead when Elliott pitted.

Keselowski held on for that vic-



PHOTOS BY MARK HUMPHREY/AP
Brad Keselowski, above and at right, celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway Sunday.

"I felt like I was in Las Vegas. I went from having a bad hand to a full house real quick."

Brad Keselowski

On winning for the second time in a week after the leaders crashed

tory at Elliott's expense and now is the first driver to win multiple races in the five Cup events since NASCAR resumed May 17.

"There's so much going on in the world. I am just thankful I get to be a race car driver and do this," Keselowski said after giving Ford its third win in five races.

Logano finished 21st and Elliott was 22nd.

Logano stared Elliott down as the two climbed from their cars but Elliott never looked in his direction. After Logano had retrieved his mandatory face mask, he approached Elliott for a brief conversation.

"He wrecked me," Logano said. "A simple apology ... be a man and say 'My bad.' I had to force an apology, which to me is

just childish."

Elliott did take the blame after the talk.

"Awww, just going for the win," Elliott said. "I'll certainly take the blame. I just got loose and got into him."

Clint Bowyer was second for his best finish in a year and a 1-2 finish for Ford and lamented how quiet it was after NASCAR's fifth event without fans. The track is built like an arena, referred to as "The Last Great Colosseum" and can hold about 140,000 spectators.

"It's starting to bother me," Bowyer said. "We are seeing other racing going on with fans in the stands and a place like Bristol, it's the first time I really feel like 'Man, it's empty.' You can feel the vibe."

The silence was most notable after Elliott and Logano had their incident.

"This place would have been standing on end, erupted," Bowyer said. "Now it's just like 'OK, let's go home.' I'm ready for fans."

Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson was third in a Chevrolet and once again showed he's close to snapping his 104-race losing streak. Johnson led several laps in NASCAR's first race back after a 10-week shutdown from the coronavirus pandemic and was second in the Coca-Cola 600 before his finish was disqualified for failing inspection.

Kyle Busch and Erik Jones rounded out the top-five in a pair of Toyotas for the Joe Gibbs Racing. Denny Hamlin, another JGR driver, seemed to be poised for the win until a lapped car clogged the track, Hamlin went too high



Scoreboard

Supermarket Heroes 500

NASCAR Cup Series

Sunday

At Bristol Motor Speedway

Bristol, Tenn.

Lap length: 0.533 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 500 laps, 228.2
2. (23) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 500, 40
3. (24) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 500, 35
4. (7) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 500, 39
5. (15) Erik Jones, Toyota, 500, 35
6. (20) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 500, 34
7. (12) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 500, 30
8. (13) William Byron, Chevrolet, 500, 33
9. (35) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 500, 28
10. (36) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 500, 27
11. (8) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 500, 39
12. (33) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 500, 25
13. (18) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 500, 24
14. (25) Michael McDowell, Ford, 500, 23
15. (17) Ryan Newman, Ford, 500, 22
16. (14) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 500, 21
17. (10) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500, 32
18. (37) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 500, 19
19. (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 500, 0
20. (5) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 500, 17
21. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 500, 29
22. (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 500, 35
23. (19) Chris Buescher, Ford, 496, 15
24. (34) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 494, 13
25. (40) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 492, 0
26. (31) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 489, 0
27. (28) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 483, 10
28. (39) Bl McLeod, Ford, accident, 477, 0
29. (2) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 470, 15
30. (30) Gray Gaulding, Ford, accident, 456, 7
31. (41) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 456, 0
32. (32) Corey Lajoie, Ford, garage, 375, 5

33. (27) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, garage, 302, 0

34. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 228, 5

35. (22) Cole Custer, Ford, accident, 228, 2

36. (21) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, accident, 228, 1

37. (11) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, accident, 228, 1

38. (19) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, accident, 203, 0

39. (29) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 201, 1

40. (4) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 199, 10

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 80.338 mph

Time of Race: 3 hours, 19 minutes, 2 seconds

Margin of Victory: 0.471 seconds.

Caution Flags: 17 for 102 laps.

Lead Changes: 21 among 7 drivers.

Lap Leaders: B.Keselowski 0-62;

B.Keselowski 68-83; R.Blaney 84-104;

C.Elliott 105-130; R.Blaney 131-169;

B.Keselowski 170-202; C.Elliott 204-223;

J.Logano 224; C.Elliott 225-255; D.Hamlin

256-277; K.Busch 278-293; C.Elliott 330;

Ky.Busch 331-360; D.Hamlin 361-416;

Ky.Busch 417-434; C.Elliott 435; D.Hamlin

436-488; C.Elliott 489-496; J.Logano 497;

B.Keselowski 498-500

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led,

Laps Led)

1. K.Harvick, 3 times for 131

laps; B.Keselowski, 4 times for 115 laps;

Ky.Busch, 3 times for 100 laps; C.Elliott,

7 times for 88 laps; R.Blaney, 2 times for

60 laps; M.Dibenedetto, 1 time for 4 laps;

J.Logano, 2 times for 2 laps

Wins: J.Logano, 2; B.Keselowski, 2;

D.Hamlin, 1; K.Harvick, 1; C.Elliott, 1;

A.Bowman, 1

Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 370;

2. J.Logano, 346; 3. C.Elliott, 325; 4.

B.Keselowski, 315; 5. A.Bowman, 289; 6.

M.Trux, 280; 7. D.Hamlin, 276; 8. R.Blaney,

274; 9. Ky.Busch, 256; 10. K.Busch, 253;

11. A.Almirola, 240; 12. C.Bowyer, 232; 13.

M.Dibenedetto, 230; 14. E.Jones, 228; 15.

J.H Johnson, 223; 16. A.Dillon, 221.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP
Drivers Joey Logano, left, and Chase Elliott talk after their cars collided with a lap to go.

to make the pass and Logano and Elliott squeezed past.

Hamlin then wrecked for the 17th caution of the race. It set up a final five-lap sequence.

"So much beating and banging," Keselowski said. "We've all been cooped up in our houses too long. Everybody is mad at everybody."

Ryan Blaney had a strong car early and led 60 laps but crashed while chasing teammate Keselowski for the lead in the second

stage. Blaney seemed to get too high on the track, wiggled into the wall and then was hit by Ty Dillon.

It was another rough race for Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who rebounded from three poor finishes with a fourth-place Thursday night at Charlotte. He was running decently near the end of the stage until contact from Johnson triggered a multi-car accident that knocked four drivers, Stenhouse included, out of the race.

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Keselowski wins again
after late wreck » **Page 23**

VIRUS OUTBREAK

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Athletes around globe wary about virus, testing upon return

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

Chris Thompson is an NFL running back. He also is the father of a 4-month-old daughter, Kali. Guess which of those facts matters more to him when he ponders eventually returning to work amid a pandemic.

"If I go practice or play and I come back home with the virus ... that's my biggest worry," said Thompson, who signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars this month after seven seasons with the Washington Redskins.

"We're not robots out there," he said. "People out there are saying, 'Hey, with all that's going on, we need sports back in our lives to get our minds off everything.'"

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That's all good.

"But you've got to think about this, too: When we start back in training camp, you're putting 90 guys from 90 different places all together ... and it happens a lot that a lot of us get sick."

These are the sorts of thoughts those who play the games that people love to watch and discuss are grappling with as lockdowns begin to ease and sports resume — NASCAR and UFC, for example — or attempt to figure out how to, such as Major League Baseball, the NBA and the NHL.

When asked about a potential return to the court in an interview on YouTube last month, LeBron James said he is "definitely not giving up on the season," but expressed concern about jeopardizing the health of players and their families.

"Not only myself and my teammates, the Lakers organization, we want to play," James said. "There's a lot of players that I know personally that want to play. And obviously, we don't ever want to jeopardize the health of any of our players or any of the players' families and so

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Above: The Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James bites his nails during a timeout. Like many athletes, James is eager to get back to competition, but concerns over the safety of players and their families continue to weigh heavily on any decision to return.

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Sounding off

'We don't ever want to jeopardize the health of any of our players or any of the players' families ... This is a pandemic that we have no idea [about]. We can't control it.'

LeBron James
Los Angeles Lakers All-Star forward

'What is the testing protocol? What are the actual tests? Who are the laboratories that are going to be testing the samples?'

Becky Sauerbrunn
U.S. women's national soccer team defender

'We're not going to sacrifice safety to try and get back to play.'

James van Riemsdyk
Philadelphia Flyers forward

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